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Peace process hangs by thread after 19 die in suicide attack on rush-hour bus

Israelis declare war on bombers

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Middle East peace process hung by a thread last night after the third Islamic suicide attack within a week claimed at least 19 more lives and Shimon Peres, Israel's embattled Labour Prime Minister, declared "total war" against Hamas, the group which planted a bomb on a crowded rush-hour bus.

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Mr Peres is now in serious danger of losing the May 29 election to the right-wing Likud, which is demanding much harsher action against the Palestinians. Mr Peres announced a security package as angry crowds roamed streets near the site of the atrocity calling for his assassination and praising Yigal Amir, the Jew who murdered Rabin,

predecessor. Pressure on the 72-year-old Labour leader to abandon Mr Palestine Liberation Organisation, now claimed to have cost more than 150 Jewish lives, came from many sides. President Weizman, the popular but mainly ceremonial

head of state, called for an immediate halt to the peace talks. "We are at war," he said as a new round of harrowing funerals began. "We cannot go on like this."

Although the explosion bore all the hallmarks of previous attacks, it had a much greater psychological impact because it was on the same bus route and at almost the identical time that a suicide bomber struck last Sunday, killing himself and 24 others.

In more than eight years covering events in Israel, I have never seen angrier scenes than those witnessed all day in the centre of Jerusalem's commercial heartland. Thousands of right-wing Jews demanding revenge attacks scuffled with police. This is the Peres dictatorship," one black-hatted man shouted.

"Six million Jews died in the being run by shits like Peres who only cave in to Palestinian demands," another said. The Peres security package

was met with derision by many citizens at the site of the



A police officer and a paramedic run from the bomb-shattered bus in the aftermath of yesterday's suicide attack in central Jerusalem

tered over a wide area, walls were charred and the body of a commuter could be seen hanging through what had been the window of a number 18 bus.

The only thing Peres could have said to satisfy me was 'I an electrician. "It is time to give someone else a chance to run matters. This is not how you fight a war."

Benjamin Netanyahu, the

blast. Windows were shat- Mr Peres's comfortable 15point opinion poll lead as a result of the three terrorist attacks in the past week.

But at a nationally televised news conference, the Prime Minister brushed aside questions about the electoral implisecurity package included putting Jerusalem on a war footing, with the drafting in of thousands of extra security personnel, destroying the

cide bombers, creating an 800strong unit of security guards for buses and erecting a fence to separate Israel from the

West Bank and Gaza Strip. Mr Peres stopped short of announcing that Israeli troops would be sent on limited West Bank towns they have evacuated. But Lieutenant-General Amnon Shahak, the Army Chief of Staff, said that if Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, did not clamp down on terrorist groups in Gaza "someone else will have to".

Mr Arafat, whose own survival as Palestinian leader is linked to Mr Peres's resolution in pursuing the peace accord signed in September 1993. ing to Israeli demands to outlaw the military wings of Hamas and other groups in the self-rule areas. He also sent six armoured personnel carriers on to the streets of

Gaza. But Israelis remain deeply cynical about Mr Arafar's readiness to take on Hamas in a confrontation that could lead to a Palestinian

civil war. A fresh attack had been expected since the Israeli Gov-Hamas offer of a conditional ceasefire which included a demand for the release of all Hamas prisoners.

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Unionist parties boycott talks on elections

By NICHOLAS WATT AND ARTHUR LEATHLES

INTENSIVE talks almed at finding a political settlement in Northern Ireland will begin in Belfast today without two of the main parties, who announced a boycott of the meetings last night,

The Ulster Unionists and Democratic Unionists insisted that they would not attend meetings at the conference centre at Stormont because the talks suggested an unaexeptable form of joint authority by London and Dublin over Northern Ireland.

The boycott came as the search for peace was hindered by claims from a loyalist splinter group that it had abandoned the ceasefire. The unnamed group, which is believed to include members of the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Defence Association, said it would target republicans because of the renewed IRA campaign. In a statement to the Belfast Sunday Life newspaper, a hooded gunman said: "If the IRA desires a war, it will not be a

The warning came after Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, sent out invitations to eight political parties in Northern Ireland to attend today's talks which he will host jointly with Dick Spring. Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister. Sinn Fein has ban on ministerial contacts with it following the collapse of the ceasefire. Instead, it has been told it must request

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More turn to The Times

Readership of The Times is rising sharply at the same time as that of the Daily Telegraph is falling, accord-ing to the latest figures from the National Readership

While the number of Times readers rose by 4.5 per cent compared to the same period last year (August to January). the Daily Telegraph lost 6.2 per cent of its readers, a loss of

The Times was the only quality daily newspaper to rise in readership. Growth of The Times was particularly strong (up 10.1 per cent) among those aged under 45.

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Tory and Labour MPs call for debate on monarchy

By James Landale, political reporter

CROSS-PARTY pressure for a national debate on the future of the monarchy grew yester-day as Labour MPs voiced fresh criticism of the Prince of Wales and the Royal Family.

Amid growing resentment on the Labour benches over the way Tony Blair forced Ron Davies, the Shadow Welsh Secretary, to apologise for his critical remarks about the Prince, a former Tory minister urged the Royal Family to stop

demeaning itself.

George Walden, outgoing
Tory MP for Buckingham,
called on Parliament to
present Buckingham Palace with a list of grievances about the Royal Family in the style of the Grand Remonstrance made to Charles I in 1641.

"I think it would be very nice — in an ideal world — if the Government and Opposition could get together and send a message from the House of Commons to the Royal Family - a Grand

Remonstrance, suitably delicately phrased - that you are actually demeaning your-selves and this country, would you please stop," he told GMTV's Sunday programme. "When you think of all these

sordid money deals, when you think of all these blabbing lovers, these duchesses and princesses — are we supposed to defer to these people?"

Steven Norris, the junior

Transport Minister, said there

was nothing wrong with having a debate on the Royal Family. "It's a perfectly proper subject for MPs to discuss, because it would be utterly unreal for us not to, when the rest of the country is," he told LWI's Crosstalk programme. As Labour MPs insisted that they should be free to dis-

cuss the issue, close advisers to the Labour leader said Mr Blair did not want to stifle debate. Mr Davies, they said, had apologised for his intemInital backing for Mr Da-vies and a debate on the monarchy came from left-wing MPs such as Tony Benn and Ken Livingstone: yesterday others joined in.

Paul Flynn, MP for New port West, said Prince Charles did not have a strong enough personality to be King. "If we have a future Prime Minister who decides to act in her or his personal interest and against the national interest, we need someone with as strong a per-sonality as the Queen," he said on BBC Radio's The World This Weekend. "That is why I want a debate on this."

Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West, called for a referendum on whether Britain should have a hereditary Head of State. Nick Ainger, Labour MP for

Pembroke, said: "We need a

mature, honest debate."

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Leeson faces jail inquiry over cash

Nick Leeson, the rogue trader who was blamed for the collapse of Barings Bank, is to be interviewed by Singapore inspectors in his Changi prison cell this week after claims that he has hidden away up to £23 million in secret bank accounts in three German

Landslide win

John Howard's Liberal-National coalition won a landslide victory over Labor in the Australian general election. Howard's majority is the big-gest in 21 years ... Pages 10, 17

Dial a Dalek to find out about leaves on the line

By Alan Hamilton and Jonathan Prynn

BRITISH RAIL'S notorious inability to tell customers accurately when its trains will run may be overcome by a voice-activated computer so advanced that it can understand not only Japanese but Geordie.

Researchers at Edinburgh University are developing a system that will recognise timetable inquiries on the telephone and respond, in a Dalek-like voice, by providing accurate up-to-date information on how to get from anywhere to anywhere else. The machine will also offer BR's full range of excuses, from leaves on the line to the

wrong kind of snow. Railway managers recognise that the present inquiry system, operated by mere humans and famous for its permanently engaged lines and wrong information, is in urgent need of being sidelined into history. They believe the present system's failings mean

that some 35 million inquiry calls a year are never made. The managers are equally embarrassed about the inaccuracy of BR's printed national timetable.

The computer program, at the moment known as Arise (Automatic Railway Information Systems for Europe), is being developed jointly with the national railways of France, Germany and Holland. To date it has cost £400.000, half contributed by the European Union,

Robert Dunbar, BR's business development manager, said the program, still in the early stages of development, could already recognise the names of 300 stations spoken in a wide variety of regional accents, with 80 per cent accuracy. Before it could be used, however, it would have to learn 2,500 station names and be 95 per cent accurate. It was hoped it would eventually learn to recognise several for-

eign languages and reply appropriately.
"In principle," he said, "it

takes the sounds it receives and chops them into little bits. matching them against a library of sounds. At the moment it is finding it far harder to understand women than

The hardest part of the project, Mr Dunbar admitted, would be programming callers to stick to a "script" that the computer recognised. Thus, a traveller wishing to go to Birmingham by way of Beachy Head and demanding to know why there is a buffet car only as far as Brighton. and why there is an hour's wait for a connection at Bexhill, is likely to send the machine into a severe and silent huff.

"Ideally, customers would not be able to tell if they are dealing with a human or a machine." Mr Dunbar said. Much like now, really,

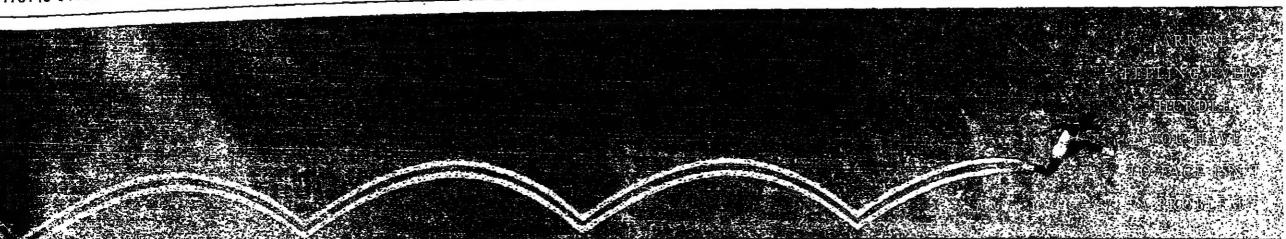


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Legislation would strengthen penalties

Labour backs calls to crack down on stalking

STALKING would be made a criminal offence carrying a prison sentence of up to four years under proposals being prepared by Labour.

The move follows growing concern that the existing law fails to protect women adequately from persistent har-assment, including being constantly followed or spied upon by men.

Labour also plans to extend the present definition of stalking to include malicious telephone calls; repeatedly phoning a person and then putting the phone down when they answer; and sending threaten-

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary and Tessa Jowell, Labour's spokeswoman on women, are drawing up the proposals, which are likely to be announced later this

Ms Jowell, who has timed the announcement for the run-up to International Women's Day next Friday, says that there are no laws which cover persistent harassment over an extended period. She emphasises that stalking is a heavily under-reported offence with only 5,000 cases identified each year.

Generally, women are the object of stalking and celebrity victims have included the Princess Royal, Lady Helen Taylor, daughter of the Duchess of Kent, and the actress Helena Bonham-Carter.

Alexandra Shulman, the editor of Vogue, yesterday disclosed that she had been forced to leave a flat where she once lived because of a male

"I had met the person but hardly knew him. It was not that serious; there was nothing physical. He would stay around the flat where I was living, ring the door bell and stand outside the flat. I knew he was there. I could see him but he was not threatening me. In the end I left the flat



Jack Straw and Tessa Jowell are drawing up proposals to increase the protection of women from persistent harassment, such as being followed or spied upon

else for a few days. It was

frightening."
She added that it was absolutely indefensible that in this country people had to wait until a stalker did something outrageous or harmed a person before the police could

Eighty-five per cent of stalkers are men, and in 90 per cent of cases the person is known to the female victim.

The stalking compulsion is known by psychiatrists as erotomania, with pursuers suffering from the delusion that the pursued person either loves them intensely or would if they only knew each other.

Stalking is a form of menace that can ruin the lives of women who have been stalked for years," Ms Jowell said yesterday. "Very often it is behaviour which is not taken seriously and the police have inadequate powers to deal with the persistence and renature of this

Under existing law, stalking

ensuing actions such as threatening, abusive or insulting behaviour that enable the police to act. Police also have to prove that the stalker acted with intent to cause harassment and alarm.

The penalty for intentional harassment is six months in prison and a £5,000 fine but police say they are handi-capped by the difficulties of

Victims can take out an injunction to keep the stalker away from a certain area but they must know the name of the person to be subject to the injunction. The process can in any case prove ineffective. Labour intends to introduce

an order to prevent stalking. It would specify that a certain type of behaviour must stop and that if it continued the person would be arrested and charged, with a fine or imprisonment as the punishment. Mr Straw and Ms Jowell

are studying laws in California, Canada and Australia where stalking is already a criminal offence. Although no decisions have been made about the sanctions Labour would introduce, they are seriously contemplating the Canadian system where penalties include prison sentences of up to four years. "We are bringing forward

proposals so that there are proper criminal sanctions to punish perpetrators. Ms Jowell said. That must send out a message to men intending to do this to women, and to women who have suffered this kind of menace for too long without feeling there was any-thing they could do about it. Home Office ministers are

also considering extending the present stalking laws to cover people who appear not to create an overt threat but who still distress their victims by their behaviour and presence. In California, the maximum

sentence for stalking is one year or a \$1,000 fine, which is increased to four years maximum if a court order has been made or it is a second offence. In other states the prosecution

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fraud inquiry opens at Royal Academy

Fraud squad detectives are investigating the finances of the Royal Academy of Arts after its former bursar was arrested in connection with alleged theft running into thousands of pounds. Trevor Clark, 43, has been dismissed from his middle-ranking post after being questioned by police over irregularities allegedly found in the organisation's accounts. A High Court writ claiming damages for fraud was issued last week against Mr Clark, who had been bursar at the Academy in Piccadilly since 1979. It was issued on behalf of all members of the academy and effectively freezes his assets.

Mr Clark has also been asked by the the vicar to resign from his position as treasurer of the parochial council of his local church, St Mary and St Andrew in Watton-al-Stone, near Ware, Hertfordshire.

Britons held over drugs

Two Britons have been arrested by Spanish police who uncovered hashish worth £22.5 million while they were searching for nationalist activists at a villa near Valencia. Neighbours alerted police after the men moved into the villa at about the time an Eta bomb exploded at a department store in Valencia, killing one. Police kept the villa under surveillance for three months before discovering 12 tonnes of hashish in the basement. The men arrested were named by the Foreign Office last night as David Dunne, 23, and William Smith, 38.

L-plate death crash

A mother died while teaching her 17-year-old daughter to drive when their car swerved off the road and crashed. Kathleen Whitmarsh. 48, and her elder daughter Cather-ine, 23, were travelling with Catherine's sister, Anna Marie. a learner, when the car crashed into trees near Winchester before returning to the road and colliding with another vehicle. Anna Marie and her sister, from South Wonston. Hampshire, were freed from the wreckage and taken to hospital. Their mother was certified dead at the scene of Saturday's accident. The other driver was unhurt.

New publishing chief

president and chief executive officer yesterday of HarperCollins Publishing, one of the world's biggest book empires. Ms Disney, currently editor in chief of The News Corporation's Internet site iGuide, takes up the position on April 8. News Corp. owner of HarperCollins. is the parent company of The Times. She is replacing George Craig, who will stay on at the company in an advisory capacity. Ms Disney, who was born in Dunstable. Bedfordshire, acquired American citizenship four years ago.

Take That take top spot

Take That have gone straight to the top of the charts with their final single. The remake of the Bee Gees' How Deep is Your Love was outselling rivals such as Boyzone by more than five to one last week and yesterday it knocked Oasis off the top spot. The Britpop band had gone straight to number one themselves with Don't Look Back in Anger only last week. With the publicity accompanying Take That's decision to split, pre-release orders for their cover version of the 1977 ballad totalled 450,000. It is their eighth

The Republican movement's most influential members hold sway over Major's latest initiative

Three shadowy figures who hold the key to lasting peace

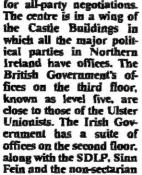
BY MICHAEL EVANS AND NICHOLAS WATT

THE success or failure of John Major's latest initiative to bring permanent peace to Northern Ireland will depend on a small group of the most influential members of the

republican movement. They include Gerard Kelly. a convicted bomber and part of the team negotiating with British government representatives; Pat Doherty, Sinn Fein vice-president; and Kevin Me-Kerma, jailed in the past for being a member of the IRA. Pat Doherty, 50, played a prominent role in the discussions that led to the announcement of a ceasefire in August 1994. He studied in Liverpool for the priesthood but at the age of 17 decided it was the wrong vocation. He is now one of Sinn Fein's most highprofile spokesmen, who headed his party's delegation at the Irish Government's national

THE CONFERENCE CENTRE

TODAY'S talks will be held in a £2 million conference centre at Stormont that was litted out last year for all-party negotiations.



forum for peace and reconciliation. He is standing in the forthcoming parliamentary by-election in Co Donegal. Kevin McKenna 50, was jailed three times in the Irish



Republic for membership of the IRA. He was involved in an IRA hunger strike cam-paign at Portlaoise prison in 1975 and was subsequently freed from jail after a High

ceasefire last month.

Court ruling. He is reported to be in bad health. Gerard Kelly, 41, is seen as one of the most powerful figures. because of his terrorist background, his time in jail and his position as part of the negotiating team. He was given two life sentences in 1973 for his part in the Old Bailey and Scotland Yard bombs which killed one and injured 250. He joined 37 other IRA prisoners in a breakout from the Maze prison in Belfast in 1983. Three years later he was arrested by Dutch police and extradited to Northern Ireland but only after the Dutch authorities insisted on having his double life sentences waived. He was jailed for five years for falsely imprisoning prison officers but was released in 1989 for good behaviour after serving only half his sentence. He joined Mr McGuinness in secret negotiations with the British Government between 1990 and 1993.







Prominent republicans: Pat Doherty, left, Kevin McKenna, centre, Gerard Kelly

Gunmen's threats discounted

By Nicholas Watt

LOYALIST politicians insisted yesterday that Protestant paramilitary leaders would maintain their ceasefire despite threats from a splinter group to break the truce.

Billy Hutchinson, of the Progressive Unionist Party. the political wing of the Ulster Volunteer Force, said the paramilitaries were prepared to await the outcome of the

Anglo-Irish initiative before deciding their next move. But he issued a warning that continuing IRA violence could send Northern Ireland back

"into the abyss". His comments came after a hooded gunman told a Belfast newspaper that a new loyalist terrorist group had abandoned the ceasefire and would target republicans. In a statement read out to a reporter from Sunday Life, the gun-

man claimed that the IRA had declared war on the British

It was unclear yesterday whether the new group, which is believed to include members of the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Defence Association, will present a serious challenge to the loyalist leadership. However, the statement did echo fears that have been voiced by mainstream loyalists in recent weeks.

Continued from page 1 meetings with government The talks, which were

Boycott

described as "intensive multilateral consultations" in last Wednesday's Anglo-Irish communiqué, are designed to hammer out an agreement on elections in Northern Ireland. and will last until next Wed-

If the parties are unable to reach agreement. Britain will introduce its own proposals for elections in legislation. However, John Major

could face severe disruption over this issue in the Commons as Tory MPs raise fears about concessions made to the IRA. Senior Conservatives yesterday that they wanted more pressure applied for paramilitary weapons to be destroyed.

Ministers will attempt to rush through a Bill next month to enable elections to take place in late May. But one senior unionist said last night: The timetable is very tight ... If ministers refuse to accept proposals that have the support of most political parties, we would not be doing our job if we did not use whatever means necessary to block the Bill."

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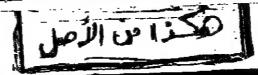
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Britons hope for end to harassment

Capitulation by French promises end to ski wars

AND JOANNA BALE

FRENCH ski instructors, who for years have jealously guarded the right to teach skiing in their country, have finally accepted an order from the European Union to give foreign rivals equal rights on the slopes. British instructors hope the move will end years of simmering hostility and threats of violence and imprisonment.

British instructors were barred from French ski slopes because foreign qualifications, including the top grades awarded by the British Association of Ski Instructors, were not recognised.

British instructors could be chased off the piste by mem-bers of the Ecole du Ski Française, In 1990, when poor snowfalls meant that up to 70 per cent of French instructors were unemployed, 50 British instructors were arrested and warned off or charged with illegal instruction.

The French were finally forced to surrender after threats that further opposition to the equal rights rules would result in legal action in the European Court of Justice. The French Government last week agreed to accept instructor certificates obtained out-

Chantal de Bourmont, of the French representation in Brussels, said: "We now accept that you don't have to have a French certificate to teach skiing in France. The decree, which is making life



Ross: said French stand had maintained quality

difficult for foreign instruc-

tors, is being overturned." The news was welcomed by the British skiing community. Hugh Monney, an instructor who has campaigned for a rule change since 1990, said: The unions on the French slopes have held these changes up for years."

Even instructors with a full British certificate had to complete a sialom course in times close to those of Olympic skiers before being allowed to teach. The test was seen as a device to keep the number of foreign instructors down; nearly 90 per cent failed.

The legal battle between instructors from the Ecole du Ski and their foreign counterparts began six years ago when Mr Monney complained to the EU. Since then instructors have not only exchanged solicitors' letters but also

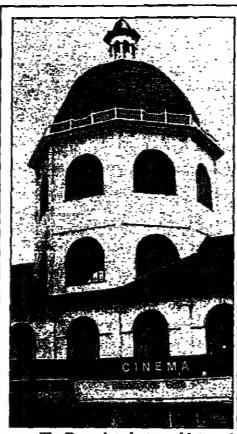
Monney, one of the handful of Britons who hold a French diploma, said he was legally teaching a group of English children at Morzine when a group of French instructors threatened to "punch them all the way back to the United

The Ecole du Ski in Meribel has been known to send out search parties for British, German, Swiss and Austrian instructors teaching "illegaly". In the afternoon, some Ecole instructors would scour the slopes and grab a ski or pole of foreign instructors, sending them sliding helplessly down the piste.

They are not just protecting their business," said Tom Kazanak, who works in a Meribel hotel and earns pocket money by teaching English tourists. "Chasing us is a sport. After a morning of teaching beginners, they are so frustrated and aggressive they just bomb down the slopes and nick some of our

With these new rules, we can set up our own businesses, and ultimately the French will profit from that. The better the lessons in English, the more English people will come here to ski and stay in French hotels and buy French food."

The veteran ski instructor Ali Ross, based in Tignes since 1969, backed the French stand. "Highly qualified people never encountered these problems. This has done a lot to help maintain standards," Mr





The Dome is to be turned into a nightchub but Claire Tomkinson, manager of the 75-year-old cinema, hopes that it will be reborn

Last reel for Britain's longest-running cinema

BY MARCUS BINNEY

THE Dome in Worthing, claimed to be Britain's longest-running cinema, is to have its historic fittings stripped out to become a nightclub. Worthing Council's decision to sell the Grade 2 listed building, the town's only full-time cinema, has outraged local people, 35,000 of whom signed a petition to save it. The council says that the building is uneconomic to

The Dome was built in 1911 and fitted out as a 500-seat cinema ten vears later. It is one of only a few still using carbon projectors, the original

auditorium has the character of a music hall, being overlooked by narrow balconies on three sides. The ceiling, studded with domes and cupolas features opulent Edwardian plasterwork.

The Dome was used as a set for the film Wish You Were Here, which starred Emily Lloyd. In the entrance is the original wooden ticket kiosk with an Automaticket machine with brass top offering tickets at prices ranging from six pence to two shillings. Mia Gordon, the deputy manager said: "It's an absolutely foolproof system and we still use it it frequently does."

Rob Blann, chairman of The Dome Preservation Trust, says: "The council has sold the cinema for £151,000, the price of a four-bedroomed house. It should be one of the icons of the Sussex coast. The nightclub will involve the removal of the raked floor and all the seating, but this will required listed building consent and

we will be objecting very strongly."

In the 1950s the Dome had four projectionists and a winding boy. Today there are only two. One of them, Robert Town, says: "Our Peerless Magnarc projectors are the

when the computer goes down, which Rolls-Royces in their field. They're more than 50 years old, in use for six to seven hours, seven days a week, and still project a rock-steady picture."

Richard Gray of the Cinema The-atres' Association said: "This is a place full of atmosphere and history. Worthing already has five nightclubs. It should follow the example of other towns such as Great Yarmouth and Harrogate which have restored their

The cinema's prospective owners, the Chapman Group, say they will create a cinema elsewhere in the

Wife's fear over fatwa sought by husband

BY JOANNA BALE

A BRITISH mother has promised to defy a fatwa sought by her estranged Egyptian husband to stop her reclaiming custody of their children. Emma Habeeb, 24, has been in fear for her life for three weeks after a Muslim court issued the edict on behalf of Mohammed Habeeb.

Mr Habeeb, a member of El Jihad, a fundamentalist Islamic group, kidnapped their two small sons from their home in Leeds four weeks ago. He broke a British court order forbidding him from taking the children out of the country and returned to the couple's flat, 50 miles from Cairo.

Mr Habeeb has told his wife that she will be killed if she sets foot in Egypt. He has also threatened his British parentsin-laws if they try to see their grandsons. The police have installed an alarm at Mrs Habeeb's home in case anyone tries to carry out the fatwa.

Mrs Habeeb said yesterday: "I've spoken to my sons on the phone and they want to come home. I believe the British Government can get my kids back if enough pressure is put

Mr and Mrs Habeeb married eight years ago when he was studying at Leeds University. Mrs Habeeb had converted to Islam before being introduced to Mohammed. They married three weeks later.

The marriage broke up after she told him she would no longer wear the veil required by Islam. She alleges violence.



OFT investigates sale of tee times

By JOHN HOPKINS

A DEAL worth E5 million that involves the sale of tee times on the world-famous Old Course at St Andrews is under investigation by the Office of Fair Trading.
The Scottish Incoming Golf

Tour Operators' Association claims the terms of the sale of starting times to a London-based firm. Keith Prowse Hospitality, on behalf of an American finance company. are potentially restrictive. The tee times can only be bought as part of travel packages costing up to £900 per person for a two-day visit.

A complaint has been lodged with us and we are looking into it," an OFT spokesman said. "We are concerned with establishing whether or not this distorts the competition, and if it does, then what do we do about it."

The investigation follows an Inland Revenue inquiry into the financial affairs of the body that administers the golf courses in St Andrews, the Links Trust. The Trust currently enjoys charitable status for income and corporation tax purposes.

We have a separate commercial arm known as St Andrews Links Ltd," Peter Mason, Links Trust's external relations manager, said. "St Andrews Links Ltd transfers profits to the parent company. It is a perfectly proper way of doing things. The National Trust does exactly the same. Our understanding is that our deal does not contravene any

The boom in the popularity of golf prompted the Links Trust to begin a major expenditure programme in 1986. It has spent over £7 million since then on a new golf course, a new practice facility and a £3 million clubhouse.

As well as displeasure among local golfers at the loss of tee times, there has been criticism of the lavishness of the clubhouse. Hoteliers in St Andrews fear golfers will be unable to afford the new package deals and there will be a loss of income to many of the small bed and breakfast hotels that line the town's

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The habit of a lifetime



Royal couple buzzed by unidentified flying gossip

By ALAN HAMILTON

A BRIEF but merciful weekend lull in the Princess of Wales's public negotiations on her divorce forced yester-

day's newspapers into the realms of frantic speculation. The News of the World reported that two RAF Harriers chased an unidentified flying object from the skies above Balmoral, the Queen's

Aberdeenshire holiday home, on Wednesday night. Unnamed witnesses said the jets appeared to have engaged in a doglight with a bright light, which was visible eight miles

away in the town of Ballater. But a flying saucer on Royal Deeside is as nothing compared to the enemy forces said to be buzzing the Instantly Identifiable Flying Object

currently lying low in Ken-sington Palace while her estranged husband breezily skis the pistes of Klosters, where he has been visiting an exhibition of his own paintings at a local hank.

The Sunday Express reported that Tory backbenchers were pressing the Prime Minister to prevent the Princess ever becoming a Labour MP. not an ambition she has hitherto been suspected of harbouring.

For its part, The Sunday Telegraph, normally less excitable, claimed that during their private meeting at St James's Palace last week, the Princess suggested to her husband that they should appear together on television to announce their divorce, in the same way that they appeared together to announce their engagement.
The Prince, hardly surpris-

ingly, is reported have declined firmly to have anything to do with such an endeavour. No doubt he had an awful

vision of himself and his wife lounging on pastel sofas like Richard and Judy or Anne and Nick, the rival teams of daytime television presenters, while a procession of therapists offered passing and heloful thoughts.

Richard and Judy are married, apparently quite successfully. Anne and Nick are merely a professional pair who work well together. The Prince and Princess are

Buckingham Palace wearily dismissed the stories as

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Police use

CS spray

in 'violent

dispute'

Police used a CS spray for the

first time early yesterday to

subdue a man involved in a

dispute with a taxi driver.

Officers used the new deter-

rent. issued to police in 16

forces on Friday, when the

man resisted arrest outside a

dub in Oldham, Greater

A police spokesman said

that while attempts were

made to arrest the man for an

alleged criminal damage of-

fence. "the officers were sub-

jected to extreme violence

and aggression and deployed

CS incapacitant sprays". After medical treatment he

appears to have suffered no

lasting effects from the

Doctor shortage

Patients are being put at risk

because more than half of

NHS hospital casualty wards

are short of junior doctors. Labour said. Harriet Harman, Shadow Health

Secretary, released figures showing that 25 per cent of

accident and emergency de-

partments had vacancies and

57 per cent had problems in

filling junior doctor posts.

Tanker cleared

The last of 65,000 tonnes of

North Sea crude still aboard

the stricken oil tanker Sea

Empress was finally pumped

off, two weeks after she ran

aground off Milford Haven.

At least 500 people are still

involved cleaning beaches.

More than 2.200 dead birds have been found and another

3,000 are being cleaned by

Four handguns were found

on a Bournemouth-Man-

chester train after a man who

had been arguing with a

ticket inspector jumped from a window at Wolverhampton.

The man was then caught by

Guns on train

Manchester.



Brown: stayed calm

Castaway unmoved by radio grilling

BY ALAN HAMILTON

IN THE days of its founder, you would never have mistaken the gentility of Desert Island Discs for the aggressiveness of the Today programme.

Yet Sue Lawley, inheritor of Roy Plomley's chair. yesterday gave Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, a fair old grilling about why he was still a

bachelor at the age of 45. The twice-married Ms Lawley asked him if he was irritated by people constantly asking him about women and marriage. "Not at all." Mr Brown replied. "It just hasn't happened, and it's one of things that I suppose I'm surprised hasn't happened, hut it hasn't."

That was not good enough for Ms Lawley. but the temper of the Church of Scotland minister's son still held.

Like a Welsh terrier with an old sock, Ms Lawley refused to drop the matter. "Do you understand people's curiosity ... People want to know whether you're gay or whether there's some flaw in your personality . . .

Mr Brown denied Ms Lawley's suggestion that he was a loner (although his chosen luxury item was a machine for playing tennis against himself) and insisted yet again: "It just hasn't happened. I hope it does. It may yet. It probably will do."

Bottomley urges firms to give shares as their trust funds drain away

Lottery grants raise fears of unfinished projects

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

will today urge companies to give shares instead of cash to arts and heritage institutions. The Heritage Secretary's announcement coincides with warnings from business sponsors. charitable foundations and individual patrons of the arts that a new form of donor fatigue is setting in because of the National Lottery.

Under rules laid down by the Government and the bodies that distribute lottery cash to good causes, most organisations receiving the money must obtain contributions from sponsors and charitable donors worth 10-50 per cent of their project costs. Such has been the unforeseen success of the lottery that corporate donors and charities say they will be unable to satisfy the huge and growing demand for

Colin Tweedy, director general of the Association for British Sponsorship of the Arts, has given a warning that there could be a El billion shortfall within four years between lottery grants and the linked amounts from donors. Charity experts are talking of a "nightmare scenario" of a nation dotted with half-finished lottery-inspired monuments and buildings as the supply of linked donations

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY outlined today by Mrs Bottomley are a result of the lottery linked-funding crisis. The Heritage Secretary is to ask Moore Stephens, chartered accountants that specialise in charitable giving and lottery grant applications, to devise a scheme enabling listed companies to give their shares to charitable foundations at nominal cost and with no tax liability.

The foundations would then support arts organisations by securing low-interest loans against the value of the shares or by covenanting to them the dividend income from the shares. It is hoped that the scheme could raise up to £10 million for the arts a year. A spokeswoman for the Heritage Department said: "Everybody would benefit from such a scheme - the companies. the arts bodies and the charitable foundations."

When the lottery was set up. the Heritage Department estimated that the game would provide £150 million a year for good causes and that linked dunations of £37.5 to £75 million a year would be needed. As the association's estimates put corporate giving to the arts at about £82 million a year, the figure seemed realistic.

The success of the lottery has exceeded all expectations, however, and it is raising Arts organisations are in no more than El billion a year for doubt that the proposals to be good causes, creating a de-



Tweedy: predicts £lbn shortfall in top-up cash

mand for linked donations well in excess of £250 million. The Paul Hamlyn Foundation, which gives £3 million a year to arts, education and training projects, is one of the charities that believe the reuirement for donations linked to lottery grants will have to be dropped. James Cornford, the foundation's director, said: "The amount of money from the lottery dwarfs

the sums we have available." Margaret Hyde, director of the Esmee Fairbain Charitable Trust, said: "I doubt whether anybody in Government has ever properly assessed how much matching funding would be required to

support lottery grants."
Mr Tweedy believes that.

funding will dry up well before the millennium. Recipients of large lottery grants would be forced to ask American, Japanesee, Hong Kong and Korean philanthropists and foundations for their donations. "We could end up in the bizarre situation of asking these people effectively to underwrite the British National Lottery," he said.

The Heritage Department denies that there is a shortage of linked donations, although it concedes that the issue needs monitoring. It points out that private funding can be given "in kind", such as free office space, specialist advice and land. The department said that for every £1 of lottery money awarded to good causes, nearly £1.60 of linked funding had been pledged. But not all of this money had been handed over.

In the meantime, arts bodies are hoping that the Arts Council, the Heritage Memorial Fund and the Millennium Commission, which require 25-50 per cent in linked donations for their bigger grants, will follow the lead of the Sports Council. Next week the council will announce that its requirement that lottery applicants raise 35 per cent of their project costs from private donations will be lowered to 10 per cent for applicants in rural areas. The 10 per cent rule already applies for appli-



Virginia Bottomley wants to encourage companies

Companies worried by demands for donations

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN AND ANDREW PIERCE

CHARITABLE trusts and corporate givers said yesterday that burgeoning lottery grants were putting too much strain on the sources of private donations needed to supplement projects. John Russell, administrator of the J. Paul Getty Trust said that there were simply "100 many" appli-cations for funding as a result of the

There is only so much money available, even in trusts which are linked to personal fortunes," he said. "It is no surprise that people are now deciding to turn away applications. It is causing particular problems in the art world." James Cornford, director

of the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, said: "Lottery grants are for big capital projects and we are not keen on chipping in a bit here and a bit there for these. Rather than give money towards a new opera house, we would like to give our money to encouraging people who would not

normally go to the opera to go."

David Goldesgeyme, sponsorship manager for Lloyds Bank, which as one of Britain's biggest coporate sponsors spends £5 million a year on sponsorship and charitable donations, said that many big businesses were no longer satisfied with contributing towards the big capital building projects that the lottery

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building is not a particularly exciting way of marketing your product to teenagers." he said. Virtually every arts organisation in London that he had spoken to in recent months was submitting or plannig a lottery application. There must be at least £200 million being sought from private donars at the moment and we are only in the lottery's second year. Where is the money going to come from? There's a feeling that the rules on matching funding will have to

Margaret Hyde, director of the Esmee Fairbain Charitable Trust, which donates about EII million a year to the arts, education, social welfare, the environment and social research, said: "If they stick with the

matching funding requirement and the lottery grows and grows, you could get to the point where a lot of programmes have been approved by the lottery boards but nothing can

actually happen. BT. Britain's biggest corporate giver, allocates £15 million a year, of which £1.8 million goes to the arts. Roger Broad, the company's head of sponsorship, said: "There are millions and millions of pounds of lottery money locked up and going nowhere because people who have been given lottery grants are having difficulty finding the funding."

He said that big capital projects did not bring the company the kind of returns it wanted. "We would rather sponsor a swimming championship

Union urges teachers to

steer clear of violence

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

at the moment is to be ex-

tremely careful and not do

anything for which they have

The sentiments behind the

motion were condemned by

Mr Lawrence's union, the

Secondary Heads Association.

John Dunford, the president,

said: "You cannot tell people not to carry out their duty as a citizen in going to help some-one in trouble."

Mr Dunford said Mr Law-

rence's death had made teach-

ers more aware of the dangers of intervening, but added: "Most NASUWT members

that I know would not think

twice about going to the rescue

of a young person in trouble."

main issues in approaching

teacher union conferences.

Security will be one of the

Government guidelines on

school security have been re-

viewed by the working party in the light of Mr Lawrence's

death. A report to be pub-

not been trained."

than help to build a swimming pool. You can't just give away £15 million You have to invest it in communities, people and events and not in bricks and mortar - that is for the banks." But the Sainbsury Family Charitable Trust, which has 14 separate trusts giving £20-£30 million annually, said that it had not noted any

since the launch of the lottery. Janet Morgan, the assistant director, said: "Clearly a lot of projects are seeking large sums because of the lottery. It must be true that they they are looking for more than they were. We have so many unsolicited applications - maybe 7,000 a year. I cannot say that I have noticed a significant increase."

intruders on school premises.

Union representatives want

other offensive weapons to be

included in any legislation,

The report will urge schools

but this is unlikely to be

to review security and is expected to call for improved

Robin Squire, the Schools Minister, will today announce an £18 million initiative on

disciplinary measures. A total

of 62 projects in 43 local auth-

orities will experiment with "behavioural support teams",

extra staffing for referral centres and school units for pupils

Gillian Shephard, the Edu-

cation Secretary, has in-creased the funding for

projects in the next financial

year to almost £4 million.

Support teams in 22 authori-

ties will advise schools on the

best methods of coping with

disruptive children, while staff

fresh example of Labour "hy-pocrisy". Graham Lane, the

Labour chairman of the Asso-

ciation of Metropolitan Au-

thorities' education comm-

ittee, said the decision was

characteristic of an unrepre-

sentative group that was ad-

on the verge of expulsion.

practical.

school discipline.

notable rise in requests for funding

transport police officers and questioned about his ticket. It was later realised he had not

the RSPCA.

reboarded and the guns were discovered in a hold-all. Body found The body of Darren Baker. 27, was discovered in a field in West Sussex seven weeks after he was reported missing away. A police helicopter and dogs failed to find Mr Baker.

ington, after the crash at Findon on January 14. Foul play is not suspected.

a married man from Wash-

Lavatory humour A pharmaceutical company is sponsoring a cartoon competition to dispel the stiema associated with constipation, from which 14 million people in Britain suffer. The results of the challenge will be an-nounced ahead of National Constipation Day, scheduled for April 16. The winner will

Scapa mystery

An Army diving team will this summer try to discover what happened to the destroyer HMS Pheasant, which disappeared on March I, 1917, while guarding the Atlantic approaches to Scapa Flow in the Orkney Islands. Of the 102 men on hourd the body 102 men on board, the body of only one, a Midshipman Cotter, was ever found.

Seal saviours

Staff at 16 Sea Life Centres around Britain are to provide a national network to respond to emergencies among the seal population around Britain. The centres. attractions featuring marine life in natural settings, will deal with problems caused by pollution. abandoned nets and uncaring parents.

£5m jackpots

Two tickets hit the jackpot in the National Lottery at the weekend, scooping £5.2 million each. Camelot, the organiser, said 19 tickets won nearly £170,000 for matching five numbers plus the bonus. and almost 1,000 collected E2,101 for correctly forecasting five numbers.

Winning numbers, page 20

Labour education adviser shuns local comprehensives

A PROFESSOR who advises both Government and Opposition on state schools spoke yesterday of his regret at deciding that his daughter would be better off outside the

one of the architects of new Labour education policy, has ruled out sending his II-year-old daughter to any of the comprehensives in Hackney. east London, where he once chaired the council's education committee. He has offered to resign from the governing

Professor Barber, Dean of New Initiatives at the London University Institute of Education, is a member of the Government's schools improvement task force as well as being an adviser to Tony he would have preferred to Professor Barber's choice as a send Alys to a local comprehensive but it had been a family decision not to.

"Decisions about school

ship, and in this case the family settled on a selective independent or grant-main-tained school," Professor Bar-

Professor Barber, a former education officer of the National Union of Teachers, said: "I recognise that this decision exacerbates the very difficulties that inner-city schools face, but most parents simply

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lished this month will support in 17 others will hone their Nigel de Gruchy, the calls for legislation on the disciplinary skills and help to union's general secretary. carrying of knives and suggest raise academic standards in

By JOHN O'LEARY

TEACHERS are being urged

by trade union activists not to

intervene in violent incidents

The headmaster Philip Law-rence was stabbed to death in

December when he tried to

rescue a pupil from a gang

outside his northwest London

school. A government work-ing party set up after the incid-ent will complete guidelines on school security this week.

The group, which includes union representatives, will call

for stronger police powers to

Next month's annual con-

ference of the National Associ-

ation of Schoolmasters and

Union of Women Teachers

will hear a call for members to

keep out of potentially violent

confrontations altogether. A

motion from the union's Der-byshire South branch de-

mands that all members be

advised not to put themselves

at risk when they or their

pupils are threatened.

deal with school intruders.

even if a pupil is in danger.

comprehensive system.
Professor Michael Barber. body of Haggerston School.

Blair. He said yesterday that

choice have to be a partnerber said. "Many parents, not just in the middle classes, now seek for their children an alternative to the inner-city comprehensive, and it is one of the great challenges to produce a state system that will woo them back,"

want to do the best for their

Tory politicians described

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Travel agents offer armed bodyguards to British in Russia

By Rachael Jolley and Stephen Farreil

THE growth in criminal violence against Western firms in Russia has led British travel agents to offer visitors armed guards.

Fears over the rise in organised crime in Russia were highlighted last week by the death of John Hyden, a lawyer from Edinburgh shot in gangland crossfire in a St Petersburg hotel.

One agency, Hogg Robinson, said it could provide a "complete" security package through its subsidiary Russian specialists Worldmark Travel. "We could have you go around the city in a tank if you wanted one." said Bob Faggetter, Worldmark's sales manager. 'You can have the guards armed, you can have them unarmed. You can virtually ask us for whatever you cant. We could supply personal bodyguards or we could

scale it down to a personal English-speaking guide with you in all situations."

The Times contacted a number of travel agencies, posing as a business seeking round-the-clock protection for three employees going on a two-week trip to Moscow. St Petersburg and Nizhniy Novgorod.

Worldmark and American

Express both said they could arrange security, the latter through the Russian travel agency Intourist.

agency Intourist.

Others refused, citing the risks involved. Among these was Leeds-based Alpha Omega, which organised Mr Hyden's trip. "We have made arrangements for our own peace of mind when we went there, but we have never done it on a commercial basis for the simple reason that we did not know where we would stand if the guards we provid-

ed were unable to fulfil the role that they were contracted for," said ian Wotton, the director.

said Ian Wotton, the director.

"What happened to Mr
Hyden was a tragic accident.
We have never experienced
anything like it before. But
there are a lot of Western
companies doing great business over there."

International hotels in Russia have themselves realised the need to offer guards. Prices quoted by the Grand Hotel Europe in St Petersburg ranged from \$14 per hour (£9) for an English-speaking guide to \$20 per hour for a guard armed with a pistol.

Specialist security agencies

have sprung up in the cities. Sergei Botnev, head of the Moscow security firm Grom. said most of his foreign clients lived in the country and had long-term contracts with his firm to protect their homes



Bodyguards from the Moscow security firm Grom. Last week, a British lawyer was killed when he was caught in gangland crossfire in St Petersburg

and offices, with the guards paid \$1,500 a month. Visiting businessmen pay \$200 to \$250 a day for two armed guards, with extras negotiated.

"We can find you what you want; if you want an armoured Mercedes we can find you one," Mr Strocetter said.

Mr Faggetter said: "St Petersburg is probably the most sensitive area. There is more

hooligan-type crime there — it is mafia, really. If they get an idea about something going on which is to their benefit, they will get involved. Of course we can get you met at the airport straight from immigration and get you hustled through Customs,"

Mr Faggetter said that they had taken a trade mission to Alma Ata, the capital of KaTashkent and everywhere we went we had a Mercedes in front of our vehicle and a Mercedes behind us with guards in it and all the lights

were set on green.

That wasn't with any British government minister in
attendance, that was purely a
trade mission. So you can get

zakhstan. "On that trip, we looked after out there, but it took an executive jet over to costs money."

The Foreign Office and specialist security consultants produce saftey bulletins. The most recent guide from the firm Control Risks Group includes Mr Hyden's death and gun and bomb attacks involving criminal gangs. It refers to Chechen terrorist attacks; the murder rate per capita, at

30,000 murders in Russia in 1994, three times the US rate; and a 10.7 per cent increase in crime against foreigners in

Moscow in early 1995.

"Local and foreign businesses should expect extertion demands from the gangs, which are often backed by threats of violence." Explosives are used in retaliation for non-payment, it says.

Big Bang doubts quelled by finding

By Nigel Hawkes science editor

THE Big Bang theory has been vindicated by a new study which shows that the universe is about 15 billion years old. The finding resolves the paradox caused by earlier estimates of only about 10 billion years, which would make the universe younger than the stars it contains.

The new age is consistent with the age of the oldest stars, believed to be about 13 billion years. The team responsible, and by Dr Alan Sandage of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, says that the new results "eliminate the idea of a crisis in cosmology".

The team used the Hubble Space Telescope to measure the absolute brightness of a series of supernovae by observing variable stars in the same galaxies as the supernovae. A class of stars called Cepheid variables have the useful quality that the period with which their brightness rises and falls is related to their absolute

The Hubble telescope enables better observations of more distant Cepheids to be made. Their distance away from the Earth can be calculated by comparing how bright they appear with how bright they actually are. That, in turn, gives a good idea how far away the accompanying supernovae are.

Once the distance of the supernovae, known as Type IA, is known, it is possible to work out their absolute brightness by seeing how bright they look and then making allowance for distance.

The team has now measured the peak brightness of six supernovae in different galaxies and included results on a seventh from another team. It found they are, indeed, remarkably similar.

Knowing speed and distance it is possible to calculate

when they started out, at the moment of the Big Bang.

This turns out to be 15 billion years ago. The figure will come as a comfort to cosmologists because it is older than the ages of the oldest

stars and thus enables the Big

Bang theory to survive.



Morris: hid under seat

Parents sue theatre over Peter Pan 'nightmare'

A BOY aged three was allegedly so terrified by a production of Peter Pan that his parents are suing the theatre.

Morris Mitchener burst into tears when a pack of "wolves" burst on to the stage at the West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds, and he was scared stiff by the crocodile.

Morris dived under his seat within minutes of the

Morris dived under his seat within minutes of the curtain going up and sat through the next 45 minutes with his faced buried in his father's arms, walling "Get me out, get me out".

His parents, Amanda and

His parents, Amanda and Mark Mitchener, who left during the interval, say Morris now has nightmares about the J.M. Barrie play. They blame the theatre for failing to give advance warning that the show might be unsuitable for under-sevens.

Mrs Mitchener, who is expecting her second child, said: "It was like an X-rated horror movie for a child of his age. I'd never seen Peter Pan done like this before."

The narrator's voice had

sounded "like Peter Cushing at 100 decibels" and Peter Pan had come on stage dressed like a crow in a costume of black feathers. "It was a terrible ordeal. Morris has had nightmares and bad dreams ever since," Mrs Mitchener said.

The boy had travelled with his family from East Bergholt, Suffolk to visit his grandmother. The family is suing for their son's stress and trauma after turning down an offer of tickets for another children's show.

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Governor is 'not ruling anything in or out'

Patten hints at political comeback in Britain

FROM PHILIP WEBSTER IN HONG KONG

CHRIS PATTEN indicated yesterday that he would like to return to top-flight politics in Britain after his stint as Governor of Hong Kong ends in June next year.

The former Conservative Party chairman and continuing close confidant of John Major, who at 52 is a year older, told political journalists that he could "certainly" see circumstances in which he would make a political comeback. His remarks fuelled speculation that he sees himself as a possible leadership candidate. Mr Patten said he remained interested in issues at the centre of debate in Britain and Europe, a senti-ment that will please Tories on the Centre Left, "How could I not be? I have been professionally involved in politics since I was 21." he said.

As party chairman during the crucial 1992 general elec-tion campaign, Mr Patten helped to defy the pollsters and steer the Tories to an unexpected victory. However, it was a bittersweet victory, for he found he had sacrificed his own seat of Bath in the process, and the blow was scarcely alleviated by his appointment as Governor.

After a period during which it appeared he would opt for a business career after leaving Hong Kong. Mr Patten has



Chris Patten and John Major touring Hong Kong yesterday during the Prime Minister's visit

recently struck friends and colleagues with his unflagging interest in the British political scene. He is understood to have confided to friends that he would even consider a comeback if Labour were to win the next election. In such circumstances he would swiftbecome a future Tory leadership contender.

Because of the timing of the Hone Kong handover to China, he will be unable to stand at the next general election. which must take place by May of next year. But yesterday's remarks about his future, that he was not ruling anything out, nor was he ruling anything in, suggested that he could follow the advice of his strongest supporters and

the next Parliament. Suggestions that he has not

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The banquet menu

piper in full Scottish regalia

- a Chinese piper. When he

of offering him a tot of

Kong's Bill of Rights was

harmful to the rule of law.

entire bottle.

Mr Patten made his reronment Secretary he did not spend all his time thinking

marks on the eve of today's speech by the Prime Minister on the future of the territory after the handover. Although his comments were cautiously worded, he was dearly relaxed about being questioned over his political future. He

given up hope of one day

becoming Tory leader were

raised by a recent speech in which he called for deep cuts

in public spending, which

some saw as an attempt to

broaden his appeal to the

Right. There have also been indications that he may be

shifting his stance away from

strong pro-Europeanism, in-

cluding doubts about the tar-

get date for a single currency.

when he was Envi-

"I do not finish here until after the last election date for the next election. So. as I have always known, I would miss that. I am still interested in all the politicial issues. I cannot

party chairman.

political animal. Asked whether there were circumstances in which he could return he replied: "Yes, certainly. It would be unwise of me to follow that hypothesis too far. I am not ruling anything out, I am not ruling

fail to do that because I am a

His remarks will be of interest to senior Tories. Most believe that the only circumstances in which he might become leader are if the Conservatives lose the next election. If they win, Mr Major, having twice rescued victory from the laws of defeat, would be expected to carry on.

The Governor's attempts to democratise Hong Kong before the handover have led him into a series of verbal battles with Peking. The Chinese have not minced their words. At various times they hve branded Mr Patten a serpent, a drooling idiot and a whore. At one point his close

from "battle fatigue". His problems have been the same as in Britain: he has been attacked for being too left-wing by the Right and too

Guests grit their teeth at colonial banquet

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE movers and shakers in Hong Kong were assured by John Major last night that even after 1997, when the colony has become a part of the People's Republic of China, "the United Kingdom will be with you in the future as in

guests at a private banquet in the ballroom of Government House wanted to hear. They were the tycoons and chief executives who are now members of the Peking appointed Preparatory Committee. drawing up plans for the future regime.

The evening was a testament to colonial grandeur. with perhaps the grandest moment coming at the outset. The Prime Minister, the Governor and Mrs Patten filed

Millions more to be given visa-free visiting rights

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR is expected to try to meet one of the biggest concerns of Hong Kong residents by announcing today that they will not need a visa to visit Britain after the handover to China.

Two million Hong Kong Chinese, holders of Hong Kong SAR (Special Administrative Area) passports, would be able to travel freely nem the same hi 3.6 million citizens who are to have British national overseas

whisky, Mr Patten presented the startled musician with an status after 1997. On the eve of what is certain The very richest tycoon of to be a tense encounter with all. Li Ka-shing, once an the Legislative Council, the opulent contributor to Tory Prime Minister and Chris party finances, now very near the Peking inner circle, was present. So was the Chief Patten, the colony's Governor, dismissed claims by elected politicians that Britain was Justice, who not long ago told selling out" the colony in the interests of enhancing trade one of the top Communist diplomats here that Hong

Mr Major fiercely rejected a suggestion by Martin Lee.

chairman of the Hong Kong Democratic Party, that he had given up his battle to persuade Peking not to abolish the legislature and severely weak-en the Bill of Rights. Mr Patten said last night that Mr Lee's charge that Hong Kong was being betrayed for trade

with China was absurd. Mr Patten billed Mr Major's speech today to leading businessmen from Britain and portant anyone had made in the colony for a long time. He said he would underline Britain's continuing commitment to Hong Kong.

Mr Patten told journalists that not to grant visa-free access for colony residents to Britain could lead to "very serious economic repercussions. This is not about right of abode, it's about right of travel. There is no political downside and a good deal of commercial upside."





Daughter hunts for painting of father who died under Nazis

By Dalya Alberge ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN whose father died in a Nazi concentration camp is searching for an 1891 painting which shows him as a child prodigy playing the piano for the Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph and his

Lilly Gill, 73, was 15 when she made a dramatic escape from Czechoslovakia to Britain with her younger sister. Their father, who went into hiding after helping his daughters to flee, dragged from his bed in the early hours by Nazi troops

rounding up Jews.
Mrs Gill said: "My father. unable to escape from Prague, where my parents had fled from Germany, died in a concentration camp. I

believe it was at Theresienstadt." Her mother, who was not Jewish, was arrested for but was eventually released. Later she received a curt official note: "Your husband died in 1940."

Mrs Gill's father, Leopold Spielmann, had given reci-tals at the age of eight for the Emperor and his daughters at their summer palace in Bad Ischi and at two other royal residences. She has found an 1891 Viennese newspaper which reported: The boy gave an outstanding performance of his skill



'His memory is so very dear to me": Lilly Gill and her father a few years before his death

was captivated and gave him tremendous applause."

ringing the paints the newspaper published would provide her with a rare memento of him. She said: "I have been hoping to see the painting of my father. whose memory is so very

dear to me." She has contacted many sources, including Viennese museums and Markus Habsburg, a grandson of the Emperor. who lives at Bad Ischl. where her father played two or three times. She said: "They used to have concerts. Music and art were promoted by the daughters of the Emperor."

ered, was by Moritz Ledelie: "He came from Brno, then part of the Austrian empire. He was very popular with the royal family. He painted many court scenes. It is possible that the painting may have been bought by some member of the aristocracy, perhaps Emperor Franz Joseph's wife, Queen Elizabeth, who had close connections with royalty in England and visited this

country on a number of

occasions." Mrs Gill's father. who was born in Vienna in 1881, became a professor of music at the age of 23 at the Vienna Conservatoire. He toured Europe, giving concerts with the violinist Brunislay Hubermann. They appeared at the Albert Hall He was 59 when he died.

The family had lived in Sweden between the wars. "Unfortunately, my mother had a tremendous longing to go back to Berlin. It was a great mistake." Her father had organised his daughters' escape with the help of Tessa Rowntree, of the York Quaker family, who risked her life to help artists and musicians. Mrs Gill recalled her last memory of her father at the main station in Prague: "Nazis were everywhere. I gave my father a hurried goodbye-He fully expected to be reunited with us.

"We made a miraculous escape by train. It was precarious journey. The train stopped on the way. Nazi officials searched everything. We hadn't got proper passports. Our documents weren't valld.

Tessa talked to the Nazi official. One of the officials looked at the passports and disappeared with them. He looked grim. We thought we'd be arrested. But he returned them. Nothing was said. I think he did it as an act of mercy."

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Cash shortage forces Irma's doctors to withdraw from Bosnia

THE BRITISH doctor who brought Irma Hadzimuratovic. 7, and other young victims of the war in Bosnia to London in August 1993 is withdrawing his charity medical team from Bosnia because funds have run out. Doctors and nurses at Child Advocacy International have agreed from

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today to work without salaries so they can continue to help chronically sick children in the former

Yugoslavia.
Dr David Southall, who masterminded Operation Irma at the request of John Major, has only enough funds to pay for six more children to be flown out of Sarajevo to British hospitals. The charity will

then end its association with the former Yugoslavia that began with Irma, a victim of a mortar bomb blast. Irma died 20 months later after 12 operations. Her father, who was at his bedside, said she had died happy.

Dr Southall. Professor of Paediatrics at Keele University, has Dr Southall, a trustee of the charity, estimates that up to 500 more children, many of them orphans living in bombed out houses, require

urgent medical treatment from the West. But funds for charities have dried up since the ceaselire.

brought a further 23 children to Britain, out of the glare of the media spotlight, since Operation Irma. Most have returned, fully recovered

now desperate. Many of the children we have seen and identified as in need of care will die or grow up with

serious deformities. They will be in pain for the rest of their lives because the right medical help will not be given to them in time. The war may have ended. But it has





Night calls to GPs were not always a fact of life

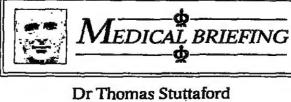
large multipartnered practices are finding that their patients are becoming more difficult and time-consuming.

When I was in a two-man rural practice, our patients rarely disturbed us without good reason. Night visits had the advantage that there was time to examine patients thoroughly without being preoccupied by other visits I was supposed to be doing.

There were always exceptions. Some patients, for instance, found out that in the summer I was in the habit of gardening at 5am or 6am. It was a pleasure I had to give up as so many patients would interrupt my rose pruning by discussing their health "while l had a minute to spare". One early-morning patient, failing to find me in the garden, wandered indoors and sat at my breakfast table, waiting to

catch me there.

Like all doctors I've occasionally been woken in the early hours to be asked to deliver aspirin, sleeping pills, tranquillisers, painkillers or even laxatives. It was comparatively common to be asked to deliver the "morning after" pill on your way to the surgery. One of my more remarkable calls was from



two Cambridge dons who had hired a boat on the Broads for their honeymoon. On the third night, moored at the head of Thurne Dyke and with their marriage still unconsummated, they decided about midnight to consult the local doctor.

I walked nearly a mile along the riverbank to discover that there was no real emergency, only ignorance. These two academics did not know the facts of life. I explained, left, and later had a heartfelt letter of thanks, saying that the rest of the honeymoon had been a success.

For every inconsiderate call there were many instances of a patient's forbearance where an earlier summons would have been beneficial. One very old woman's husband died suddenly about 10pm just after they had gone to bed; she tay beside him all night and called me in the

morning. "Since he was dead and you're not Jesus there seemed little point in spoiling your night."

The modern health centre, however therapeutically efficient, is run with larger partnerships and carefully controlled appointment systems. It allows doctors to escape from patient care and to have a life outside medicine but the price may well be less considerate patients.

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Spanish Popular Party reaps reward as voters turn against Socialists after 13 years in power

Felipe González and his wife voting in Madrid yesterday

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Aznar claims poll win

From Edward Owen and Tunku Varadarajan in madrid

IN THE most venomously fought Spanish general election since democracy was restored in 1977, the conservative Popular Party (PP) was last night claiming victory over the Socialists, who have been in power for more than 13 years.

Early exit polls gave the PP 40.2 per cent and 41.1 per cent of the vote, securing them between 160 and 174 seats in the 350-seat lower house of parliament. In the last general election in 1993 they gained 34.81 per cent, 141 seats. An exit poll conducted by the newspaper El Mundo and the television station Antena 3 predicted that the Popular Party might win between 165

The Socialists were forecast to poll around 34 per cent, or between 120 and 135 seats, compared to 38.65 per cent, 159 seats, in 1993. The communist coalition, the United Left. was given 11 per cent or about 23 seats. Catalan and Basque nationalists, who had 17 and

last legislature and who could hold the balance of power if the PP fails to gain an absolute majority, were predicted to obtain 14 and 6 seats

After hearing the results of the exit polls. Mariano Rajoy, the deputy leader of the PP, said at the party's headquarters in Madrid, with thousands of supporters cheering outside: "What's important at the moment is that there's been a political change in Spain and we are going to govern. But we'll have to see, as the night goes on, what the exact results are and the extent of that change."

Sunny weather ensured a large turnout from among the 32.5 million electorate, with a total of 74 parties fighting for 350 seats in the congress and 208 in the senate. In the southern region of Andalusia, 5.57 million were eligible to vote in simultaneous elections to the 109-seat regional parliaappeared to have held off a PP

challenge in their traditional stronghold.

A Popular Party win would complete a cycle which began in 1994 with victory in the European Parliament elections and continued last year and regional elections. This campaign has been marked by profound mistrust. The electorate was mainly divided change - with the Socialists hit by numerous corruption scandals, the highest unemployment in Europe (23 per cent) and renewed Basque terrorism - and those who feared the old Right.

old Fascist leader]." pleaded Señor González at an election rally in Catalonia, claiming, as did his party's controversial campaign video, that the PP is the child of the Franco regime. Señor Aznar, 43, retaliated by citing "the 20 legal process-es against the Government

and its responsibility for three

beyond the

conventional

"Don't put your vote in the same sack as Blas Piñar [the

million unemployed". He also drew attention to Gal, the orders of the Socialist Government that murdered 27 Eta suspects a decade ago.

The relative importance of Jordi Pujol, 65, the crafty Catalan president, depends once again on whether he can act as the power broker. Rallying the Catalan nationalists, he said: "The votes we don't get reinforce the PP and the Socialists who won't be able to, and don't want to. defend Catalonia." Newspaper editorials over

the weekend all pleaded with the electorate to use their democratic right to vote, still considered something of a a novelty. The Catholic and monarchist ABC and El Mundo have both crusaded for Señor Aznar. Even El Pals, which has traditionally supported the Socialists, said the opposition had "the relative advantage" of being able to question "the credibility of



José María Aznar and his wife at their polling station

Right signals harder line over Europe

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

JOSE MARIA AZNAR is an Señor Aznar wrote that "it is embryonic Euro-sceptic in a land where the European Union is worshipped almost blindly. Britain and Brussels were watching yesterday's election like hawks.

Señor Aznar does not question the value of Spain's ssociation with Europe. In fact, he has emphasised often the importance of the EU in consolidating his country's democracy, in the modernisation of its industry and institutions. and in the role it played in helping Spain to bury decades of cultural isolation under General Franco.

In his book, The Second Transition, published in 1984.

essential to affirm that the European project must be compatible with the respective national projects of member states. He goes on to say that member states of the EU should not abandon their national interests in pursuit of an

"unreal European project". Observers expect Señor Aznar to oppose any move away from decisions by consensus in the council. Majority voting, he has declared, is not for him. His greater independence - he is in many ways an old-fashioned Spanish nationalist - is also likely to make Spain a more muscular player

Ministers stake ' their shirts on majority rule

ters mingled in Bangkok in their free silk shirts. Next weekend, European Union foreign ministers fly to Palermo, the Sicilian capital, for a huddle. The Italian Government will also hand out suitable gifts: bullet-proof vests perhaps.

As they beetle around the globe, the ministers are supposed to think about how the EU can make more of a mark in world affairs. Prescriptions for bigger, better joint European foreign policies were released last week by the French and German Governments and by the European Commission. This week the three Benelux Governments will chip in.

On paper, things look grim for John Major, his senior partners want, in the words of Hervé de Charette, the French Foreign Minister, "to do great things together". And they want to decide them by major-

ity voting. But all this argument on paper belongs to the unreal world in which ministers discuss Europe's "interlocking security architecture" without ever mentioning Bosnia-Herzegovina, Chechenia, or any of the places where neighbours have been killing each other since the end of the Cold War. European states still conduct foreign policies shaped and driven by national interests. Look no fur-ther back than the last meeting of EU foreign ministers. Greece, represented by the booming Theodore Pan-galos, wanted to condemn Turkey's role in the two countries' row over a handful of rocky islets in the Aegean. Britain, represented by the milder Malcolm Rifkind,

wouldn't agree. Stalemate. The Greek media went bananas. The publisher of Adesmestos Typos wrote that this was not the first time that "the complex-ridden British have displayed their preference for Ottoman law la euphemism for homosexuality. I was so angry that if my associates had not held me back, this newspaper would have come out with the frontpage headline British

Greece has a long history of bargaining inside the EU in pursuit of two things: money and the obstruction of Turkish interests. As Yugoslavia disintegrated, the Government in Athens singlehandedly stopped the rest of



the EU from Macedonia and was accused of allowing sanctions busters to supply Serbia through Greece. One senior European Commission official openly encouraged journalists in Brussels to call for Greece to be thrown out of the EU.

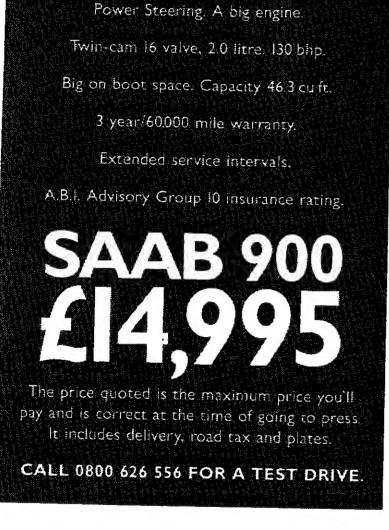
But the Greek problem is only an extreme version of the flaw in the idea that the EU can act like a diplomatic superpower. Big states have no intention of toeing an EU line if the policy chosen by the majority conflicts with their national interests.

Germany revealed this truth five years ago and no other EU government has forgotten the moment. Germany wanted to recognise the then new-born states of Slovenia and Croatia: II other countries. Lord Carrington. the European peace envoy of the day, and the US Govern-ment issued a warning that the move would be premature and could trigger a civil war in neighbouring Bosnia. By threatening to break ranks with its partners, Germany blackmailed everyone else into early recognition. The rest is history.

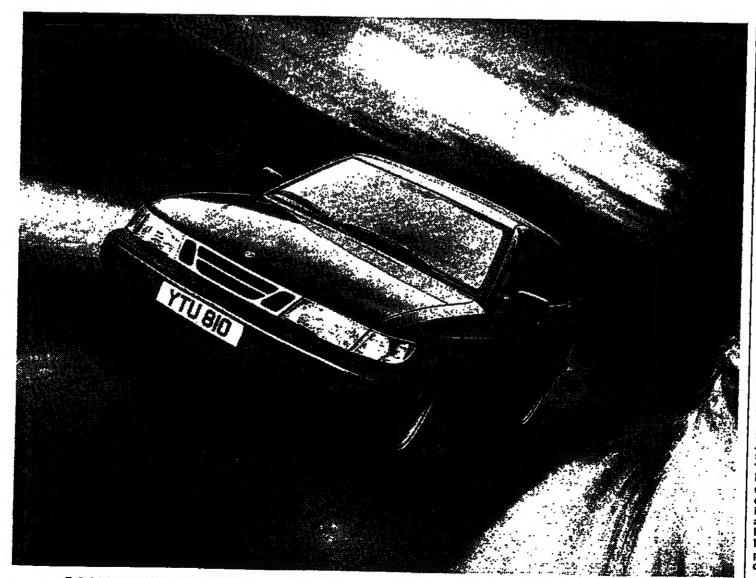
oreign policies are af-fected by the clauses in the Maastricht treaty which spell out the rules of the "common foreign and sec-urity policy". Where the EU's 15 members get added value by lining up together — when negotiating a non-proliferation treaty, say, or talking to Russia — co-ordination machinery is there to help. But voluntary co-ordination has its limits. What France and Germany say they want now is a tougher system to make faster decisions and to ensure that everyone sticks to them.

But when the next emergency occurs, expect the states most closely concerned to ignore inconvenient clauses in the EU treaty. That's what Britain and France did over

GEORGE BROCK







Rightwingers raise fists in fury after another Jerusalem bus is attacked by suicide bombers

Israelis demand revenge for second bloody Sunday

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM'S Jaffna Road, the scene of a second bomb attack yesterday, once more on a crowded number 18 bus, was renamed the "Victims of Peace Road" by right-wing protesters as anger among Israelis mounted. At least 19 people died in yesterday's attack - 23 had died there on the Sunday before.

Even before the charred single-decker bus was taken away, black flags were flying on lamp-posts close to the spot where the stench of death filled the morning air, and large pieces of hardboard used to replace shattered glass had been transformed into notice boards covered in protest messages and calls for revenge against the Arabs.

'What happened to 'Never Again?", wrote Avi Ellen, a 23year-old Jewish immigrant from Cleveland, Ohio, in a

reference to the oft-stated pledge after the Holocaust that Jews would never again submit to mass murder inflicted against them because of their race and religion. Another message scrawled in Hebrew declared "Leah Rabin, we hate you" — a reference to the widow of the assassinated Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, the architect of

the peace process. The hatred of the crowds. who were repeatedly driven back by heavily armed border guards in green bereis and rows of mounted Israeli police, was directed against anyone suspected of supporting the continuation of peace

with the Palestinians.

A large banner declared "We want war", while another contained the photographs of more than 150 Jews murdered by extremists since the peace

the name of Yigal Amir, the assassin of Mr Rabin as though he were a saviour. "Peres resign" and more ominously "Peres, you are next", the demonstrators chanted, many raising their fists in fury and some spitting

> "For the first time since I arrived here from Moscow, I

on police who tried to remove

Judaea and Samaria," said

biblical term for the occupied

As workmen in the unre-

lenting rain covered the road

in sand to cover the blood and

oil, the venom of the crowd

was turned against Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister,

who arrived looking ashen-faced and was whisked away

before he could be physically

attacked by Jews who chanted

Palestinian control.



Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, is surrounded by security men as he visits the scene of the blast. Nineteen died, including the bomber

minutes before the bomber blew himself up. Now I do not know what to do or where to go," said Igor Likhasser, who is one of nearly 600,000 Soviet Jews who have arrived in Israel since 1989 and now find themselves in the midst of a

Soon after the bomb was detonated at 6.25am close to

Edward Abbington, the United States Consul-General, ran to see what had happened,

said the diplomat, whose residence is nearby. "It was really terrible, with bodies and body parts lying everywhere. I cannot understand how people can do this, tear up and mutilate people in this way. I felt a tremendous sense of

anger at people who were killing people and also trying to kill the peace process."

"It was a scene from hell," Adding irony to the scene were some Jewish children in dressed to celebrate the holiday of Purim, a Jewish festival marking the salvation of Jews from genocide in ancient

bomb, there had been panic, them armed, shouled "reas soldiers stormed through venge, revenge" and looked the streets warning passers-by for any passing Arab on whom to vent their fury. The single piece of good of a possible second attack or device. Then came the anger, "We gave them peace and all they give us are bombs. It

news among the carnage was the luck of a girl called Dina. She was alive because, seconds before the explosion, she was allowed off the bus by the driver because she had been

Peres election prospects dimmed

dirty terrorist war.

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER

SHIMON PERES, the Nobel Peace Prize winner who is admired in the West and increasingly loathed by sections of the Israeli public, was last night fighting for his political life against what many commentators now believe are impossi-

At the same time, the chances of the Middle East peace process, begun at the 1991 Madrid conference, surviving Israel's May 29 general election were looking slimmer than at any period since the pact with the Palestine Liberation Organisation was signed in September 1993.

"We are in the same boat with Peres," one senior PLO official said. "If he goes, our peace deal goes too." Even before yesterday's bomb ripped through a commuter bus, Mr Peres —

one of the very few surviving political leaders with a record of having led his party to defeat in four general elections — had seen his 15-point opinion poll lead over his right-wing rival, Binyamin Netanyahu, slip to zero. A poll published 48 hours before the latest blast gave Mr Peres and Mr Netanyahu, the Likud leader, 48 points each.

In addition to the wave of anti-Palestinian and anti-peace sentiment caused by such attacks against innocent civilians, Mr Peres has seen his political standing damaged by the statesmanlike pose of Mr Netanyahu in the face of the horror and his skill in uniting the previously divided forces of the Right chind Likud.

Mr Netanyahu appears to have succeeded in wooing his two main rivals in the Right, Rafel Eitan and David Levy, to abandon their separate campaigns for the premiership. Mr Eitan, a former chief of staff renowned for having once publicly compared Arabs with "cockroaches", and Mr Levy, popular king of the influential Jewish community of Moroccan origin, have both been offered top places on the Likud list.

think the public could have lived with one attack, but if we are now talking about a series it is going to be devastating for Peres," said Shimon Shiffer, Israel's

top political correspondent.

Although Mr Netanyahu has promised to continue the peace process on his own terms, which centre on the limited form of municipal autonomy offered to the Palestinians under the 1978 Camp David accords and repeatedly rejected by them, few expect the framework to survive if he comes to power.

World leaders fear for peace process

By Eve-Ann Prentice, diplomatic correspondent

WORLD leaders' revulsion at the bus bombing in Jerusalem was coupled yesterday with appeals for the Middle East peace process to continue.

cannot go on any longer," said

a Jewish immigrant from

Argentina, staring at the

wrecked shop fronts. Nearby the crowds, many of

Egypt and Jordan, former foes of Israel now committed to peace in the region, were among the first to condemn the attack. International outrage was countered, however, by support for the bombing by hardline Islamic states such as Iran and Libya.

King Husain of Jordan, who signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994, said: "I am very,

very deeply angry and utterly ... disgusted by this cowardly and inhuman crime." Egypt called on Israel and the Palestinians "not to submit" to attempts to undermine the peace process.

In Washington, President Clinton condemned the bomb. saying: "We share your anguish and anger at this terrorist crime.'

A Foreign Office spokesman said: "Senseless incidents like this can only serve to strengthen the will of those committed to the peace process."

Mitterrand denial on 'second love child'

A soldier searches through the wreckage of a shop damaged by yesterday's bomb attack in Jerusalem

FROM ADAM SAGE

DANIELLE MITTERRAND has denied rumours that her late husband, François, fathered a second idegitimate

Since the former French President's death in January. dinner tables have been buzzing with gossip that Mazarine. the daughter whose existence he disclosed 18 months ago. has a step-brother as a result of another extramarital affair. The mother was said to be a Swedish journalist.

However, in an interview in today's Tele 7 Jours, the French equivalent of Radio Times, Mme Mitterrand says: That makes me laugh. They're soon going to find 25,000 families for him. Poor Francois."

Her comments follow the publication of her autobiography. En Toutes Libertés, in which she gives a frank account of her life with the man who was French head of state between 1981 and 1995, and whom she described as a "seducer".

In the interview with Tele 7 Jours. Mme Mitterrand said: François is the father of my sons. I was his wife - loyal to him. As for Mazarine, she was her father's daughter, and

Mme Mitterrand is due to give a television interview this

Orthodox patriarchs fall out over future of Church

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE two most influential leaders in the Orthodox Church are locked in a power struggle that could lead to a schism in the ranks of the 170 million Orthodox faithful.

A simmering dispute over rival claims to the leadership of the Orthodox Church in Estonia has snowballed into an all-out confrontation between Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople, the spiritual head of Orthodoxy, and Patriarch Aleksi II of Moscow and All Russia, the leader of the largest Orthodox Church in the world.

The two sides have suspended relations and experts claim that unless the rift is healed it could lead to the greatest upheaval in the Orthodox Church since Constantinople split from Rome in 1054. The dispute has already

taken on political overtones. Late last week, President Yeltsin sent a letter to President Meri of Estonia, warning him not to harm the interests of the Moscow patriarchate and its followers in Estonia. The dispute broke out last

week when Patriarch Bartholomew reinstated Constantinople's jurisdiction over the Estonian Church and appointed Archbishop Johannes, the leader of the Finnish Orthodox Church, as temporary head. The move, supported by the Government in Tallinn, was a direct challenge to the Moscow patriarchate which has had control of the Church in Estonia since the former

Soviet invasion of the Baltic

Patriarch Aleksi retaliated when he presided at a liturgy but omitted to name Patriarch Bartholomew from the list of heads of the Orthodox Church, the first time Constantinople's spiritual role has been ignored in this way since Christianity came to Russia nearly a millennium ago. The Russian Orthodox clergy is now forbidden to celebrate liturgies with fellow Orthodox clergy under the jurisdiction of Constantinople. Thus was at-tested the destruction of Or-



Aleksi: "A tragedy for millions of faithful"

thodox unity, which had existed for centuries and which became a tragedy for millions of Orthodox faithful," Patriarch Aleksi said.

He is sensitive about the issue of Estonia, since he was born there and his father helped to subjugate the local Church under Moscow's rule during Soviet occupation. Beyond the controversy over

the status of the Church in Estonia is a far larger potential battle for the souls of millions of worshippers throughout the former Soviet Union. By his own admission, Patriarch Bartholomew is attempting to expand his influ-Orthodox Church heartland, which was for decades tightly controlled by the Communist authorities.

For his part, Patriarch Aleksi is attempting to defend traditional areas of Russian Orthodox rule against a proindependence tide running through the former Soviet

The Russian Church is aware that if it loses Estonia, it could jeopardise control over far more important regions such as Ukraine, which boasts 7,000 active parishes.

For the time being, Moscow has suspended its relations with Constantinople and Helsinki and a decision to break formally the 1,000-year-old Orthodox alliance could be taken when Russia's Council of the Orthodox Church meets shortly to discuss the rift.

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Cup of cappuccino is the droit de signor

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

TO THE delight of espresso and cappuccino drinkers all over Italy, a court has ruled that the Italian office worker's right to a coffee break is sacred. The test case was brought by Maurizio

Tomassini. a draughtsman employed by the town council of Corciano, near Perugia. After II years in the planning office, Signor Tomassini was suspended last year for being habitually absent from his office from ten o'clock to ten past ten without authorisation". It transpired that the council had demanded he

felt the craving for an espresso in the local bar. When he refused "on principle", he was suspended.

Coffee plays a central role in Italian daily life and most Italians drink it standing at a counter in brief "pauses" during the working day. Coffee con-sumption is governed by arcane rules: for example, cappuccino is never drunk after lam. while espresso comes in a variety of subtle forms, including macchiato, with a dash of milk. lungo, with a dash of hor

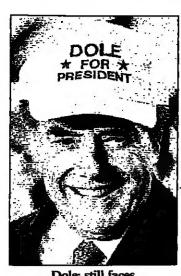
water, and coretto, with a dash of grappa. The court in Perugia, Umbria, which heard Signor Tomassini's appeal ruled at

submit a written request every time he the weekend that drinking coffee during working hours "has by now become customary in all public offices". It further laid down that office workers popping out for a cup of coffee could be penalised by their employers "only if the breaks taken are too frequent and the time taken is particularly extended".

The verdict was greeted as a triumph by Signor Tomassini's colleagues. A second charge against him — that he doodled on his tracing paper instead of drawing building plans — was also thrown out. The judge said that any employee might make meaningless drawings in a moment of concentration.

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Dixie state boosts Dole as he girds for Georgia battle



Dole: still faces

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN ATLANTA

ROBERT DOLE regained pole position in the race for the Republican presidential nomination yesterday, thanks to a decisive victory over Pat Buchanan in Saturday's crucial South Carolina primary.

The 72-year-old Senate leader romped home with 45 per cent of the vote in a contest he simply had to win after devastating defeats in New Hampshire and Arizona. Mr Buchanan, the populist insurgent, came second with 29 per cent and Steve Forbes, the multimillionaire publisher, third with 13.

Lamar Alexander, the former Tennessee Governor, won just 11 per cent in a Southern state next to his own and his candidacy is effectively over. He vowed to fight on but is short of money, has yet to come higher than third in any primary,



and even Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, told him to quit. Mr Dole told jubilant supporters his win marked a "new beginning". It certainly gave him a big boost before tomorrow's eight "Junior Tuesday" primaries, and from this

point on the whole nature of the state's past and present Governors race changes dramatically and and 93-year-old Senator Strom

South Carolina's primary was the last in which the candidates had time to "work" a state. From tomorrow there will be an unprecedented rush of 22 primaries in 21 days. Mr Dole is the front-runner and has the strongest organisations in almost every state, and his rivals will be hard pressed to devote enough time and resources to any one contest to upset him. However, the race has already

proved wildly unpredictable and Mr Dole is not out of danger yet. He generates little real excitement, and even he admitted that while South Carolina was "a big one ... we still have a tough road ahead". Mr Buchanan claimed Mr Dole

was "carried across the finishing line" in South Carolina by a party establishment that included the and 93-year-old Senator Strom Thurmond. David Beasley, the present Governor and born-again evangelical, certainly helped Mr Dole to eat into Mr Buchanan's support among South Carolina's religious Right. But Mr Buchanan insisted he could yet destroy Mr Dole's "hollow" campaign by winning Georgia, the biggest of tomorrow's contests, where he won 36 per cent against President Bush in the

1992 Republican primary. The latest poll showed Mr Dole only eight points ahead of Mr Buchanan in the Peach State. He took a big risk by skipping a televised debate in Atlanta last night and does not have a party establishment to help him here. The Governor is Democratic, Mr Gingrich - a local congressman - must remain neutral as Speaker, and only two of Georgia's seven other Republican senators and congress-men have backed Mr Dole.

Mr Buchanan vowed to fight Mr Dole all the way to August's convention in San Diego. He is consistently attracting more than a quarter of the Republican vote, and said the party would "split asun-der" and his followers would walk out of the convention if the eventual nominee refused to ban abortion or picked a pro-choice running mate.

Mr Forbes also pledged to fight on to the convention and seems willing to continue pouring his fortune into his campaign. He hopes to win giant New York state on Thursday, where only he and Mr Dole are on the ballot in every congressional district and he has been advertising heavily. Unlike Mr Forbes, Mr Dole faces a \$37 million (£24 million) spending ceiling because he accepts federal campaign funds and is dangerous-

Mr Dole has now won four primaries and 77 delegates. Mr Forbes two contests and 60 delegates, and Mr Buchanan two contests and 37 delegates. A measure of the race's continuing volatility and the field's weakness is the increas-

ing pressure on Colin Powell.

Republican Party operatives
have been privately asking whether the popular retired general would agree to be drafted if none of the present candidates reached the convention with a majority of delegates. Intermediaries have reportedly sounded him out about becoming Mr Dole's running mate.

There is no question the heat has turned up." General Powell's son, Michael, told the Boston Globe. "There are tons of people calling. It's started all over again."

William Rees-Mogg, page 16

Howard faces early challenge from Australian trade unions

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIANS woke up yesterday to a new era of conservatism that could see the Liberal Party in power until well into the 21st century.

The landslide victory, in which the Liberal-National coalition won a majority of at least 44 seats in a 6 per cent swing against Labor, places a question mark over industrial relations, Australia's ties with Asia and the issue that has done so much to divide public opinion over the past four years — the replacement of the Queen as head of state and the declaration of a republic.

After nearly a quarter of a century in parliament, John Howard became Australia's twenty-fifth Prime Minister with the biggest majority in 2l years. Such was the scale of his triumph in Saturday's election that the political face of Australia may never be the same again. "While I will seek at all times unity and a common point of view, we have not been elected to be just a pale imitation of the Government we have replaced," Mr

Howard said. The Liberal leader will outline his plans in detail today, but there have already been murmurs of discontent from the trade union movement. Maritime workers said they would stage a big campaign of opposition to planned changes government shipping

John Combs, the national secretary, claimed unions would not be alone in an industrial war with the Government, although he hoped it would not reach that point.

The wages accord that the unions had with Labor is to be replaced with a national move enterprise bargaining. There is already talk, however, of 30 per cent pay demands

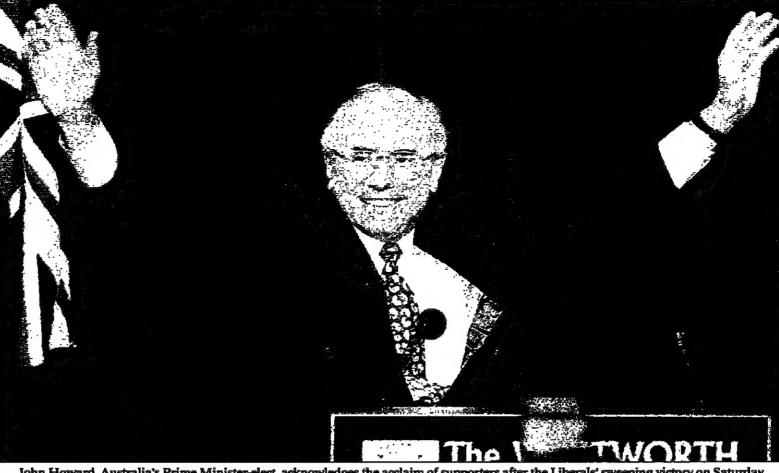
and possible strike action. While a return to the bad old days of widespread industrial unrest is unlikely, there is no doubt that industrial relations represents the new government's greatest challenge.
The coalition also made its

position clear on Asia vesterday. Asked if he shared the view of Paul Keating, the outgoing Prime Minister, that Australia was part of Asia, Alexander Downer, who is expected to be appointed Foreign Minister, gave an emphatic "no".

He reaffirmed Australia's focus on Asia, but insisted that Canberra would not let its strong ties with Europe and the United States unravel. "Our most important priority is the Asia-Pacific region, but that does not mean we will be turning our backs on the US or European Union," he said.

The Keating camp began to pick up the pieces yesterday as an inquest began into what went wrong. Eight ministers, almost a third of the former Cabinet, lost their seats and

72 seats (was 50)



John Howard, Australia's Prime Minister-elect, acknowledges the acclaim of supporters after the Liberals' sweeping victory on Saturday

electorate had grown tired of Labor after 13 years in power. "I think there was always an underlying view that the Gov-

ernment had been in office a long time," he said. Barry Jones, Labor's federal president, was more specific. He claimed that the party had

independent

4 seats (was 2)

been living on borrowed time since 1993. He admitted that the Liberal-National coalition's wide appeal this time was because it offered a spell Mr Keating conceded that the of "comfort and relaxation", a

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Another eight seats undecided in House of 148 seats

Democrats and Greens hold balance in Senate

(was 16)

Labor

break from the emphasis on reform and a pledge not to take on any great challenges. Mr Jones added that voters had judged Labor too harshly. Today the search will begin

for a successor in the Labor Party to Mr Keating, who will not only stand down as leader but also as a member of parliament. The most likely candidate is Kim Beazley, his deputy, but

the result in his marginal Western Australian constituency was still in doubt last night, and there was a strong possibility that he might lose Other contenders are Gar-

eth Evans, the outgoing Foreign Minister, and Simon Crean, a former union official.

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Keating: departure may help republican cause

Republic debate goes on the back-burner

By ROGER MAYNARD --

PAUL KEATING'S ambition had worked against the camopened by Australia's first President has died with his election defeat.

But the man who championed an Australian republic for the past four years may do more to boost the cause by leaving politics than if he had stayed in power, republican

campaigners said yesterday. Thomas Keneally, the author and a founder of the

Australian Republican Move-

ment, said the Keating factor

that the Sydney Olympic paign to end constitutional Games in 2000 would be ties with Britain.

Australians for a Constitutional Monarchy were overjoyed by Mr Howard's victory. "There will now be proper consultation with the people of Australia," Kerry Jones, the director, said.

The republican debate will be on the back-burner under the Liberals, but Mr Howard a monarchist, says he will accept the will of the people and has agreed to a national

700.000 Cubans - and the

In his first public comments

since the planes were downed.

President Castro told Time

magazine that the Cuban air

Although the Cuban mili-

tary did not intervene in the

memorial service, Señor

Basulto did exchange a few

words with Havana air traffic

control. "We saluted the good

people of Cuba, and we said

we have nothing against

people working for the Gov-

force pilots "did their jub".

island of 11 million.

Turkish leaders sign deal *

Turkey's Centre-Right yesterday signed a coalition deal which they said would govern Turkey into the next century (Andrew Finkel writes).

Tansu Ciller of the True

Path Party and her once bitter rival, Mesut Yilmaz of the Motherland Party, have effectively excluded from power the Welfare Party, the pro-Islamic group which secured the most seats at an election last year. Mr Yilmaz will serve as Prime Minister until the end of the year when Mrs Ciller will take over for two years. Mr Yilmaz will have a final year in office, and the fifth year will be under a True Path leader.

Denktas has heart attack

Nicosia: Rauf Denktas, 72, the veteran Turkish Cypriot leader, was in intensive care last night after suffering a heart attack on the eve of a deter-mined European Union effort to solve the Cyprus problem (Michael Theodoulou writes).

The initiative was already in trouble after Mr Denktas disclosed that some of the more than 2,000 Greek Cypriots missing since the 1974 Turkish invasion had been killed by Turkish Cypriot militias. Some Greek Cypriots called for Mr Denktas to be tried as a war criminal.

'Death squad' trial opens

Durban: Dark secrets of the apartheid era may be disclosed when the trial begins today of Magnus Malan, the former Defence Minister, and other high-ranking military and intelligence officers accused of organising death squads to wipe out opponents of white rule. General Malan. 66, and 19 others face a lengthy Supreme Court trial. The trial centres on the massacre of 13 people in the Zulu province in 1987. (Reuter)

Killer linked to Tyrol extremists

Rome: Police said Ferdinand Gamper, who died in a police siege at a farmhouse near Merano in north Italy's Alto Adige on Friday, committed five murders in the past month (Richard Owen writes). Gamper had links with Ein Tirol, an extreme group fighting for independence for the region, which is still known to German-speaking inhabitants as South Tyrol.

French author dies aged 81

Paris: Marguerite Duras, the writer, died at her home in Paris. friends said. She was 81. Duras won the Prix Goncourt in 1984 for L'Amant (The Lover), decades after winning public acclaim for her work. She also wrote the screenplay for the film Hiroshima Mon

Simpson detective's racism was 'fantasy'

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

detective at the heart of the O.J. Simpson trial may have been largely a fantasy invented to help a struggling screenwriter, investigations have

Tapes of an ugly diatribe by Detective Mark Fuhrman against blacks and Hispanics formed a key part of Mr Simpson's defence against murder charges last year. Johnnie Cochran, the defence lawyer, described Mr Fuhrman as a "perjuring, genocidal racist, but an inquiry has found he had several close friends who were black.

Mr Fuhrman seemed an prosecution witness.

THE "genocidal" racism of a Then private investigators working for the Simpson defence tracked down recordings of interviews he gave in the 1980s to a South Carolina screenwriting professor in which he used the word "nigger" 40 times and said blacks should be lined up against a

wall and shot. It appears the rantings were those of a troubled mind pandering to the preconceptions of an interviewer, according to psychiatrists questioned by The New York Times. Mr Fuhrman has declined to comment on the tapes because he is due to give evidence in the civil lawsuit against Mr Simpson.

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Chinese rocket killed 6

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

A FAMILY of six Sichuan peasants was killed when a Chinese rocket carrying an American communications satellite exploded last month because of a defective guid-ance system, the official Xinhua news agency reported. According to the agency, a

Long March 3B rocket carryton-based Intelsat vecred offsatellite.

At the time there was a news blackout, designed to conceal from the 1.2 billion Chinese, as they neared the lunar new year festival, that the launch programme had suffered a reverse. State television and radio reported the casualties for the first time on Saturday night.

An investigation showed that damage to the launch centre was minimal, indicating that the programme could

ing a satellite for the Washingcourse just two seconds after lift-off from the Xichang space centre on February 15. After 22 seconds its nose hit the ground and exploded, destroying the

be resumed soon.

IT WAS no ordinary funeral,

more like a prayer circle in the sky. There were no bodies or caskets, just an orange flare that marked the spot in the sea below, about 21 miles northwest of Havana, where US officials say two light planes were shot down a week earlier

by a Cuban MiG fighter. Flying low over choppy seas and dodging dark clouds, Cuban exile pilots paid their last respects at the weekend to the four dead fliers, all members of the Miami-based Brothers to the Rescue.

"Our hearts are relieved," said José Basulto, founder of the Brothers group, moments after dropping a wreath into the sea from 500ft. "We have come back and said our prayers for our brothers."

As eight exile planes flew in a wide "racetrack formation" around the flare, a Catholic priest on Señor Basulto's plane read a eulogy. "We bless these waters, the grave of so many of our brothers," he said. He also recited a poem, The Day I Left (Cuba), written by one of the victims. Pablo

Cuban exile pilots brave storms to drop wreath for fallen comrades

FROM DAVID ADAMS OVER THE STRAITS OF FLORIDA leine Albright, the US Ambas-

Morales, a young rafter who was rescued by the Brothers in Three US Coast Guard

ships patrolled the waters below, marking a "goal-line" that the exile pilots were instructed not to cross. But the most hostile element was the weather, as rough seas kept a flotilla of 35 boats from reaching the site and forced a dozen other planes to turn back.

in Miami, 60.000 exiles congregated at the Orange Bowl stadium to hear Made-



a "free Cuba". In the ensuing 30 years hundreds of thousands of Cubans have fled across the 90-mile-wide Straits of Florida between Miami - home to

sador to the United Nations.

The rally revived memories

pay tribute to the dead men.

of the Orange Bowl speech

President Kennedy made after

the failed Bay of Pigs invasion

of Cuha in 1962. Kennedy was

presented with a Cuban flag

which he promised to return to



ernment, they are brothers too," he said. But the answer he received was less cordial. They gave me some of the best of their new revolutionary Spanish," Señor Basulto said. in a reference to the expletives used by the MiG pilots after firing the missiles,

> Recalling her own flight as a child from communism in Czechoslovakia, she said the dead men were "martyrs".

After Ms Albright's midweek comment. "That wasn't cojones [bulls], that was cowardice," she was guaranteed a hero's welcome in Miami.

Amour. (Reuter)
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India's dirty old man of letters wins right to unveil sex secrets

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

KHUSHWANT SINGH, 80. India's most famous drunkard and dirty old man, as well as its most popular and prolific writer, has won a case in the Delhi high court in which he was accused of insulting dead people by sharing intimacies about them in his book, Women and Men in my Life. Mr Justice Singh, dismissing the

complaint, said Indians "have a notoriously ambivalent attitude to-

wards sex. On one hand there is the cult of lingam (penis), erotic temple carvings, the Kama Sutra. On the other, there is prudery and lip-service to the ideal of chastity." This revelation made news

throughout India, where the myth of propriety persists against huge evidence to the contrary. Neelam Mahajan Singh, the woman journalist who began the lawsuit, insisted that the book, with

its "obscene" accounts, would cor-

rupting passage described the sexual proclivities of the late artist. Amrita Shergil: "She was said to have given appointments to her lovers with twohour intervals, at times six to seven a

Khushwant Singh has long cultivated a boozing, free-sex image that friends say is a façade. Shobha De. another of India's biggest-selling authors, who writes frankly about sex in her Joan Collins-type novels, said he was "gracious and hugely rupt readers. One supposedly cor- complimentary to women and that's

about it. And I have never seen him take more than three drinks". The judge noted that readers of the book would discover that Shergil believed in sexual athleticism. "I am sure had Khushwant Singh not come out with the objected passages no-one would have got the chance to enter and inhabit the real world of

these persons." The author observed in his book that, with her reputation, Shergil drew men to her like iron filings to a magnet. He had been no exception.

"I cagerly awaited the day of seduction. It never came." Not so for the late Malcolm Muggeridge, apparently, who in his early 20s spent a week with the painter in Simla where "she had reduced him to a limp rag". An exhausted Muggeridge reported later: "I could not cope with her. I was glad to get back to Calcutta."

The book has landed at a time of intense debate about morality and tradition. There has been a backlash against the new promiscuity.

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Championship at stake for Premiership's high rollers

The £56 million showdown

BY ROB HUGHES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

TONIGHT at St James' Park, football meets the ultimate in high finance. The game between Newcastle United and Manchester United, piv-A otal to the FA Carling Premiership season, involves opponents whose player-purchases amount to £56 million - and this is money actually spent, making no allowance for the price that the likes of Ryan Giggs, Nicky Butt or Steve Howey would fetch on the open market.

If you add Liverpool, the only other contenders for the title, to the pricing equation, it means an outlay between the three of £94 million. The gap behind those three is as large as Liverpool made it appear yesterday. This is the kind of spending that goes a long way to eliminating sporting chance. It explains why no team outside the Premiership is still involved in the FA Cup; and it is the reason why Uefa is preparing to sell the soul of the European Champions' League, by allowing the so-called leading clubs into the competition next sea-

son, whether they qualify or not.
The unfairness of this adds to the spice of the meeting tonight. Newcastle have to win the championship for the first time in 69 years in order to enter the arena of the Champions' League, the prize for which is likely to be no less than El5 million. On the other hand, strange but true, if Newcastle win tonight, and win the championship, it may not make a penny of difference to Manchester United's cash flow. The prize-money actually at stake from the Premiership is £897,600 for first place, £856,800 for second, and, because Manchester United were more popular on television than Blackburn Rovers last season, their

share of the television pool came to more than Blackburn's. Enough, for the moment, of bal-

ance sheets. We are looking tonight at young men driven to the extremes of their skills and temperaments. We know that there is a thin line between confidence and arrogance, a thinner one between competitive zeal and violent intimidation. We recall, when Manchester United beat Newcastle 2-0 at Old Trafford just after Christmas, how even Kevin Keegan admitted that his side lacked the commitment, the sheer hunger, of the Manchester club. Roy Keane surged from midfield in a manner that overpowered Robert Lee. Nicky Butt made flying tackles near the bone in every sense, tackles that were legitimate so long as his timing was spot on. The margin between controlled aggression and unacceptable violence had to be judged by a referee

who was paid just E300. The result could hinge on one

decision, affecting every pound spent, every effort, since February 1992,

when Keegan met Sir John Hall, the Newcastle chairman, and fired the ambition of a club that was then destitute. Sir John is an entrepreneur who will not gamble his or the club's wealth without seeing profit. This, in time, may come from another mar-ket, the potential £1.5 million per game from private digital television channels. It may seem alien, but so, once upon a time, were foreigners; the rivals tonight possess players of ten nationalities.

Giggs, the modern professional footballer from head to toe

Newcastle's ideal is a club of multi-sports, one that will require ethics of the highest order if it is to be

wholesome and marketable. Keegan has been Sir John's champion, his cavalier football has inspired everybody. Yet, in the past month, he has spent £11 million on two players, on the beauty laced with poison of Faustino Asprilla, and the bantamweight combatant, David Batty. Is he beginning to rationalise that greater force, a bending of the belief in pure talent, is necessary?

Was he last week defending the indefensible when he protected Asprilla from the accusations that flew as high as as a Colombian elbow? Keegan may say that club discipline is a private matter, just as Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, did a year ago after Eric Cantona's assault on a spectator;

AND THE COLUMN TO SERVICE AND ADDRESS.

THREE goals in the first eight minutes gave Liverpool victory against Aston Villa at Antield yesterday. The result took Liverpool, who are third, to within two points of Manchester United and within six of Newcastle United.

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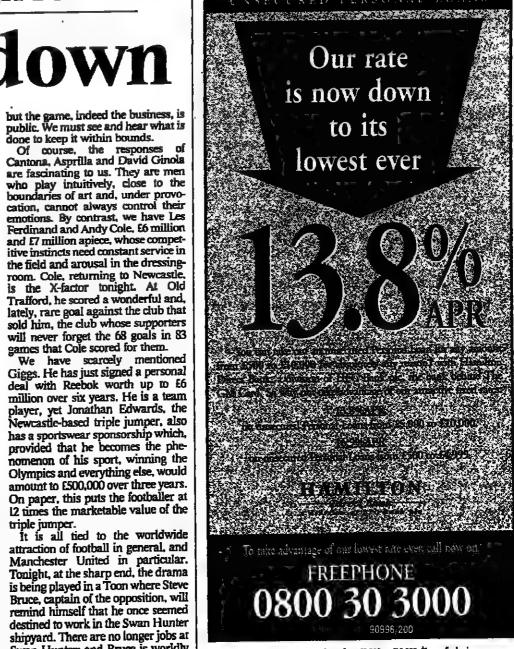
but the game, indeed the business, is public. We must see and hear what is

done to keep it within bounds.

cation, cannot always control their emotions. By contrast, we have Les Ferdinand and Andy Cole, £6 million and £7 million apiece, whose competitive instincts need constant service in the field and arousal in the dressingroom. Cole, returning to Newcastle, is the X-factor tonight. At Old Trafford, he scored a wonderful and, lately, rare goal against the club that sold him, the club whose supporters will never forget the 68 goals in 83 games that Cole scored for them. We have scarcely mentioned Giggs. He has just signed a personal deal with Reebok worth up to £6 million over six years. He is a team player, yet Jonathan Edwards, the Newcastle-based triple jumper, also has a sportswear sponsorship which, provided that he becomes the phenomenon of his sport, winning the Olympics and everything else, would amount to £500,000 over three years. On paper, this puts the footballer at 12 times the marketable value of the

triple jumper. It is all tied to the worldwide attraction of football in general, and Manchester United in particular. Tonight, at the sharp end, the drama is being played in a Toon where Steve Bruce, captain of the opposition, will remind himself that he once seemed destined to work in the Swan Hunter shipyard. There are no longer jobs at Swan Hunter; and Bruce is worldly enough to appreciate that he is now in a millionaires' game instead of sharing the unemployment queue with people in Newcastle, his home

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Let us in on the secrets of wired-up referees

aturday afternoon got off to what even the would charitable describe as a curious start, with Bill McLaren retelling the story of one of the "great lighthooses" of Scottish history, Robert the Bruce. McLaren finished the inspirational tale of Bruce. Bannockburn and the patient spider, with a question — and a dreadful pun. "Will Robert the Loose emulate his ancient

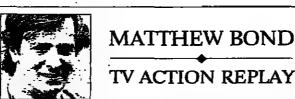
Four and a quarter tortuous hours later came the answer no. Richards the Lionheart had seen to that. But as Rob Wainwright, bloodied and bowed, led his dejected troops from Murrayfield, it was possible to reflect that the afternoon had not been entirely

We had discovered, for in-

easy-going wit that gets him through everything that the Grandstand schedule can throw at him, such as Doddie Weir's Vietnamese pot-bellied pig, but a really wicked streak that the BBC anchor-man had previously kept hidden. Its unveiling came during a pre-recorded interview with Will

Carling, the England captain. It is one of the curious facts of media life that as Carling's public profile has risen ever higher, his interviews about rugby have grown corre-spondingly duller. There is a sense that a certain subject is being avoided. But that does not mean he cannot be teased. As the pre-match interview followed its predictable path. Rider paused, gave that en-

couraging smile and began: Will ... " Carling shifted un-



easily. "Or, at least, put it in perspective..." The stare suddenly became a don't-you-dare glare. "Your relationship with Yes, yes - I swear I could hear the cheers from my local pub urging Rider on. "With ..." Go on, Steve, go on. "With Jack Rowell ..." The groans were as loud as those that followed Gregor Townsend's

England line. The main event, however, was Murrayfield — billed as one of those great afternoon's of shared experience, a sport-

abortive charge towards the

ing stepping stone - along with the Grand National. Boat Race, FA Cup and Wimbledon

on the BBC's road to the Olympic Games. The fact that it so miserably failed to live up to expectations is hardly the

corporation's fault.

In terms of picture quality, the coverage from Murrayfield was outstanding, with producer Grigor Stirling making full and effective use of all the cameras available, including the reverse angle camera (which explained more than one initially strange

refereeing decision) and handheld cameras patrolling both the touchlines and behind the

Things were not quite so

happy in the commentary box. The Calcutta Cup would not be the Calcutta Cup without McLaren and his knowledge of every player's middle name. but the veteran commentator must come to a working accommodation with one of the technical features of the modern game — the live audio link with the referee. Just because he has just been deafened by Derek Bevan's whistle, it does not mean that his commentary should be peppered with "loud blasts". At home, we can barely hear

Nor does it mean that there should be regular periods of silence, while McLaren chuckles over Bevan's latest commands on the pitch. "He doesn't half tell them off" is not good enough. McLaren should, either tell us exactly what is going on (which is presumably its purpose). or turn the wretched thing off and get back to doing what he

does best, i.e. the needful. The alternative would be for the audio link to be extended to all of us. This would presum-ably find considerable favour with the West London reader who wrote in to complain that the pitch-side microphones no longer seem to capture the linguistic rough and tumble of the game in quite the way they used to. We should follow the more adventurous example set by the French broadcasters, he urges: "Surely the BBC ought to be willing to risk the occasional robust phrase slipping out?" Comments please more than four letters.

STEPHEN MUNDAY/ALLSPORT

Oxford maintain their domination

OXFORD continued their dominance of the University women's rugby union fixture in beating Cambridge for the eighth consecutive time. 32-7. at Iffley Road yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). A superlative first-half performance put Oxford into a 27-0 lead at half-time, and the match was as good as won. Oxford were indebted to their pack, who rucked and mauled with impressively good technique reflecting the input of their male Blue coaches. Heather Lockhart who scored three of the home side's six tries from the flank, was outstanding.

Outside, although Cambridge have a dangerous runner in Justine Curgenven at centre, it was Jo Hudson, the Oxford captain, who led by example from full back and who was influential in setting up positions from which her side could

SCORERS: Orderd: Tries: Lockhart (3), Clibb king Umani Conversions, Clibb Cambridge: Try: Curgenven Conversion: Hawker

Warriors battling on

ICE HOCKEY: Newcastle Warriors, although beaten 8-4 by Fife Flyers, maintained their challenge for a play-off place because their nearest rivals, Milton Keynes Kings, lost 8-7 at home to Nottingham Panthers. With a home game to come against the bottom club. Slough Jets, the Warriors will surely do enough to qualify. The one remaining place in the promotion/relegation play-offs was filled when Guildford Flames gained their anticipated win over Peterborough Pirates which meant that Paisley Pirates, who won 6-4 at Medway, cannot qualify. The eight teams involved in the championship play-off will be divided into two groups with the top two in each group qualifying for the semi-finals.

Ivanisevic wins again

Ivanisevic, right, of Croatia continued his impressive run when he beat Marc Rosset, of Switzerland, 6-3, 7-6 to win the Italian Indoor tournament in Milan yesterday. It was Ivanisevic's third title this year, after his successess in Dubai and Zagreb last month. Ivanisevic, 24, said: "I'm playing just unbelievable tennis. I've found consistency and that's what is making



Di Martino prevails

FENCING: France won the London round of the men's epée World Cup as Jean François di Martino took the gold medal when Roy Sung Yang, of Korea, retired with cramp while di Martino led eight hits to three. Di Martino was in confident form and had looked the likely winner. Of the Britons, Quentin Berriman, the national champion, finished eightieth after losing 15-13 to Olivar Lücke, of Germany.

Living dangerously

FOOTBALL: A goal from Caroline McGloin two minutes before the end of extra time was enough to take Croydon through to the semi-finals of the UK Living Women's FA Cup, where they will meet Ipswich Town. Croydon's quarter-final against Doncaster Belles yesterday was goalless at full-time, and appeared to be heading for a replay when McGloin struck late in the second period of extra time.

McRae in the clear

MOTOR RALLYING: Colin McRae, of Great Britain. dominated the opening ten stages of his first Rally of Thailand, finishing the first day 46 seconds clear of Kenneth Eriksson, his Subaru team-mate, "Apart from an intermittent misfire, we've had no problems all day and I'm pleased with our position at the end of the first leg," McRae, the

Easy for Appelmans

TENNIS: Sabine Appelmans, right, swept away Julie Halard-Decugis, of France, 6-2. 6-4. in little more than an hour yesterday to win the Generali tournament in Linz. Austria. Appelmans, of Belgium, the No 6 seed, had lost her two previous matches against Halard-Decugis, the No 3 seed, but needed only 32 minutes to win the first set. taking the first five straight games before letting her opponent score.



Jalabert jubilant

CYCLING: Laurent Jalabert, of France, won the Tour of Valencia. Mario Cipollini, the Italian sprinter, headed a mass finish at the end of the 95-kilometre first section of the fifth and final stage, but Melchor Mauri, Jajahert's ONCE team-mate, won the concluding 21-kilometre individual time-trial, confirming the domination of the ONCE team. which took the first five individual places.

Smith completes revival

CURLING: David Smith, the former world champion. completed his comeback yesterday, winning the Macallan Scottish championship by beating Hammy McMillan, the European champion, 5-4 in the final. The hard-fought victory earned Smith a place at the world championships later this month. He had failed to qualify for the Scottish championship last year.

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Faldo falters as Norman takes pole position

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN MIAMI

GREG NORMAN, the world No 1 from Australia, was poised to win the Doral Ryder Open golf tournament in Miami for the third time in six years yesterday.

By his own admission, Norman is some way short of his best form, but after completing his rain-disrupted third round yesterday morning, he shared the lead on 203, 13 under par, with Vijay Singh, of Fiji, two shots ahead of Joe Ozaki, of Japan, and the

American, Michael Bradley. Nick Faldo, the defending champion, was seven strokes behind, on 210, and the Briton needed a speedy start if he were to trouble the leaders. He did not get it.

The lst, a 514-yard par-five, was playing more or less into a frisky breeze, and Faldo, who claims to hit the ball 20

Leading scores .

yaros further with his new, hitech Mizuno T-Zoid driver, certainly gave it a good belt off the tee, outdriving Loren Roberts, one of his playing partners, by at least 20 yards.

The official measurer reported a drive of 256 yards, and Faldo waited for the green to clear before hitting the driver again, a little right, into the deep bunker guarding the green. An indifferent splashout ended 18 feet past the pin. the first putt raced four or five feet past, and the next hit the hole — and staved out for a six. It was the sort of start to get the juices running in the

wrong direction. The odds must favour Norman, simply because this is a piece of turf that the flamboyant Australian loves. The Blue Monster, as the pride and joy of the Doral Golf Resort and Spa is called, may not be the

terror it once was — the 18th

used to be the toughest hole on the US PGA Tour, although last year not one of Doral's holes made the top 50 in monstrousness - but it rarely produces an indifferent winner, and Norman was champion in 1990 and 1993. If nothing else, symmetry de-

manded he win again. Last year, Norman lost out to Faldo by a single shot after hitting his second into the water at the last and salvaging a bogey five. "It can be a bitch," Norman said, but yesterday, in the morning at least, with the breeze behind, the 18th, all 425 yards of it, was a

Norman and Singh, who is using a long putter after winning two tournaments and over \$1 million putting poorly last season, resumed on the green, where the big Fijian holed from eight feet for a birdie two to move into the lead on 13 under par. Norman. who had travelled from his home by helicopter in time for nus early start, levelled matter: at the next when he holed from the same distance for a three.

At the 18th, he drove poorly, hitting the ball off the toe and nearly into the water. He had to hack out of thick rough, and then hit a nine-iron to eight feet from 142 yards, to come off smiling.

"I'm a little out of sync," he said, but he intended to adopt an aggressive policy in the final round, given how soft the greens were after all the rain. "I'll aim at the top of the flagstick," he said.

Jesper Parnevik, wielding a long putter on Singh's advice, was two shots better than Faldo, on 208, but Sandy Lyle and Bernhard Langer missed the cut. At least there was a European presence in the television commentary box -David Feherty, on leave from the European Tour, was work-



Paul Lawrie, of Scotland, displays his trophy after achieving a one-shot victory in the weather-hit Catalan Open

Lawrie's long wait ends in victory

FROM MEL WEBB IN TARRAGONA

PAUL LAWRIE won the Catalan Open golf tournament at Bonmont yesterday without hitting a shot, but that does not mean that it was anything but hard work. Lawrie had led this wind-wracked tournament in the clubhouse overnight, and he endured a thousand agonies as he sat and watched and waited to see if anybody had the game to come through the field and

overtake him at the death. Fierce winds are a fact of life in this part of Catalonia, and they were up to their mischievous best on three of the four days of the tournament. They caused a total abandonment on Friday, and by Saturday morning David Garland, the tournament director, had

ditched all his plans to play the event over 72 holes: even 54 was out of the question. So 36 it was, and Lawrie, who led after the first day with a 65, held his nerve to complete a courageous 70 to lead on 135, nine under par. Then came the really painful part. There were players who had still to finish their rounds yesterday morning who had the opportunity to take Lawrie on the line, and he could not do a thing about

David Howell, who had been a shot behind Lawrie in the dim and distant past of Thursday, seemed to be the best placed of the lot - he was six under par after nine and needed three more birdies to come home in 33 and force a play-off. Ultimately the young former Walker Cup player's inexperience was his undoing

as he came home in 38 to finish with a 74 to leave himself five strokes shy. Lawrie settled himself in

front of the television and tried to look relaxed, and signally failed to do so. A surge from nowhere by Emanuele Bolognesi, of Italy, brought Lawrie's rear end inching towards the edge of his seat, and for a while the Italian gave the 27-year-old Scot a serious run for his money.

Bolognesi, who started at the 10th, had five birdies and only one bogey in a front nine completed in 32, then picked up another shot on the 2nd. He needed three more birdies over the last seven holes to tie. and he was on a roll.

Lawrie is a stoical character who does not allow himself wild excesses of public emotion, but he could not prevent

THE threatened clean sweep

of basketball's domestic hon-

ours by London Towers took

Towers stay on track

for a clean sweep

the odd flicker of concern to cross features that are as craggy as the buildings of his native Aberdeen. He did not permit himself a small smile until Bolognesi put his ball in a bunker on the short 5th and dropped a shot. The Italian was now four

behind with only three to play; the tournament was won and lost. Fernando Roca finished second a shot behind Lawrie. with Domingo Hospital a further stroke adrift, one ahead of Andrew Sherbonne and Bolognesi.

Last year Lawrie played feebly in the first half of the season and finished 107th in the money list, so his one target of getting into the top 50 in 1996 seemed lofty enough. After this victory, which carnt him £50,000, he can start to aim just a little higher.

Canada fail to win Olympic reprieve

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

THE disciplinary committee of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) found insufficient evidence at its meeting in Brussels yesterday to support Canada's charges of match fixing brought against India and Malaysia on the final day of the Olympic qualifying tournament in Barcelona on January 28.

The committee could not conclude, from the statistics, that the result of the match had been prearranged, even though the figures indicated that neither side showed any

Representatives of the three countries involved in the dispute stated their case at the meeting. The result of the match, a goalless draw, enabled Malaysia to qualify for the Olympic Games in Atlanta. leaving Canada high and dry. India had earlier qualified.

On the domestic front. Old Loughtonians collected six points to put themselves among the leaders of the first division in the National League, following up a hard 2-1 victory over Barford Tigers on Saturday with the 3-0 defeat yesterday of St Albans at Chigwell.

ty of fire, but went into the interval two down. An early warning-shot was fired for Old Loughtonians by Feltham, who hit a post before Halls converted a short corner in the nineteenth minute.

Lee added the second goal from open play nine minutes later and completed the scoring in the last minute from a short corner. The gloom deepened for St

Albans, who showed signs of recovery early in the second half but missed the target with their best chances. With only three matches to go, they seem again with Cannock taking over from Southgate after a 1-0 victory over Teddington, Crutchley scoring a minute after the interval.

Southgate were held to a 1-1 draw at Canterbury, with Shaw scoring for Southgate and Surridge replying for Canterbury from a short cor-ner in the second half.

Reading scraped through at East Grinstead, Osborn's goal from a penalty stroke in the last minute enabling them to win 43. Reading were down to nine men with Ashdown and Mark Hoskin suspended in

another step towards fulfilment yesterday. Already 7-Up trophy winners, the Towers added the Sainsbury's Classic Cola national cup to their sideboard, in a depressingly one-sided final against the holders, Sheffield Sharks. The advantage of playing in front of the majority of their supporters in the Sheffield

> not one that appeared to fill the Sharks with undue optimism. Restricted to their lowest score of the season by English opponents, they lost 70-58 and apart from one brief spell of 32 seconds when they led for the only time, always seemed to be in danger of relinquishing

their grip on the first half of the double they captured last

Arena where they had not

previously been beaten, was

So ill-equipped were the Sharks to deal with the allround power of the Towers, that the winners never needed to be at their best. Indeed Kevin Cadle, their coach, was hardly unstinting in his praise. The shooting of both teams was atrocious," he said, "and defensively, there is still another level which we can

By Nicholas Harling It was significant, acceptheless, that Martin Henlan should receive the award for most valuable player for it was at close quarters that the tie

> task of Roger Huggins and Todd Cauthorn for the

Fortunately for the Sharks. Huggins scored frequently on the final buzzer.

Two three-pointers for the Towers had come from Steve Bucknail, whose desterous passing dramatically influenced the outcome. Showing no signs of the groin strain that had kept him out of the England game in Moscow four days earlier, he was a veritable master grafter, providing most of the passes for Tony Windless and Danny Lewis that took London clear in an 18-2 streak either side of

Marsden forces Hightown to lie low

AFTER three months without a competitive outdoor match. Hightown would be a little rusty when they took to the hockey field on Saturday at the start of a hectic weekend of league and cup ties. The degree of their fall from grace. however, took everyone by

As league leaders, they were hoping to resume their challfor their first premier division title with victory over fifth-placed Clifton. Unfortunately, they had not account-

Lucy Culliford, who both hit the target in a 2-l reverse. Hightown ought to have known better. Until this sea-

son, Marsden was a regular in their outdoor squad and still plays for Hightown in-doors. Not that the Liverpool team were putting up too much of a struggle, looking lacklustre from start to finish. Jackie Crook managed an equaliser midway through the second half with a penalty stroke, only for Culliford to score the winner. Surely, though, Hightown AEWHA Cup? They were, after all, the holders and they had never lost to Doncaster. But again they went down to a supposedly lesser side, again

Doncaster were on a high, having hammered five goals past Bracknell on Saturday in a bottom-of-the-table encoun-ter and, facing a distinctly out-of-sorts Hightown on Sunday, they went 2-0 up in the second half, both goals coming from Claire Ferguson. Only then did supposedly stronger side get going but by the time Yana Williams were bound to do better in the pulled on back with three

minutes to go, it was far too

in their misery. Trojans, storming away at the top of division one and last year's cup finalists, were edged out of the competition by Clifton yesterday. Holding the pre-mier division side to a 1-1 draw at full-time they were heaten 3-1 in the penalty Shoot-out.

Not even that was as bad as the fate of Ealing. Lurking in the lower reaches of divison two, they faced non-league Winchester in the cup and were promptly beaten 3-1.

was won and lost. "It was the last thing I expected," the oft 10in centre said. However, it was Henlan's desperate pursuit of the rebounds, allied to the efforts of Neville Austin and Roger Duhaney, that increased the

with his jump shots in the first half, otherwise they would have been beaten out of sight by half-time. Normally prolific from long-range, the Sharks succeeded with only one threepointer, from Cauthorn, right

the interval.

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England ease Pakistan's progress

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN KARACHI

KARACHI (England toss): Pakistan (2pts) beat England by seven wickets

ENGLAND'S credibility as a one-day team has never been so low. Their latest role seems to be as some kind of cricketers' mission, taking in opponents fallen on hard times and rebuilding their strength and

Pakistan were the beneficiaries yesterday, and a day that had begun with murky rumour of divisions in the camp of the World Cup holders ended with stirring soapbox promises that the cup can be retained.

Perhaps it will be, for a day in the company of England can plainly work wonders. Pakistan were wobbling after their resounding defeat by South Africa on Thursday. Theirs is a volatile environment, and the simmering unrest, internal and external, would have been brought smartly to the boil by another loss. Now, however, they can march boldly into India, where they have not played for



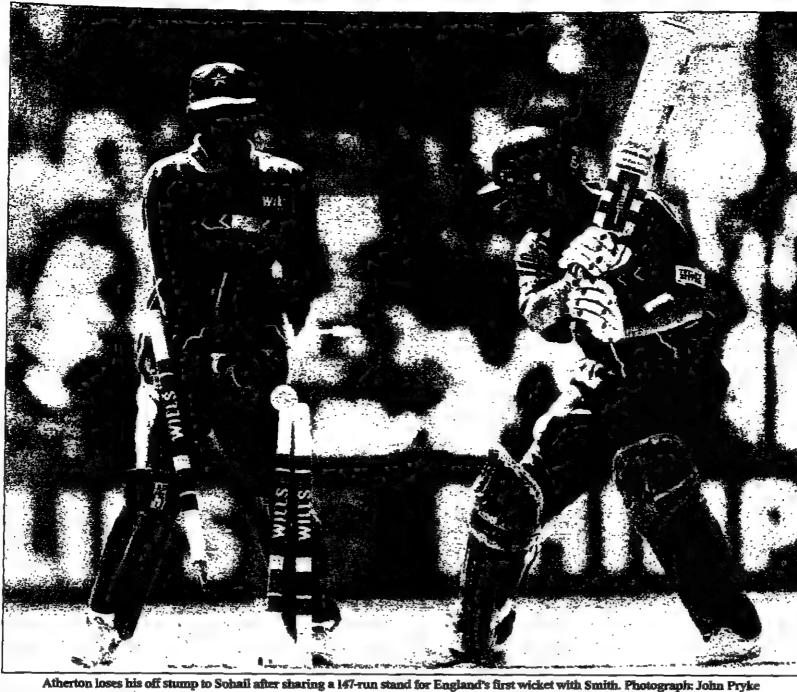
seven years, claiming that they fear nothing about the country or the cricket.

It was easier to swallow this show of confidence than the apparent insouciance of the England management, Michael Atherton and Raymond Ilingworth presented a united front, but their joint communique, stating that "a lot of good things came out of the game", was impenetrable. Victory would have been the only nourishment for this team, and there was not a single moment, at the business end of the game, when that seemed

What made it such a grisly defeat was that it should have been avoided, or at worst jeopardised. The first half of the England innings yielded 134 runs without loss, the platform for a final total in excess of 300. The second half disintegrated, supplying 115 runs, nine wickets, and presenting Pakistan with a target hat did not even re

them to engage top gear.
In any sensible competition, the upshot of England's third defeat in three games against serious opposition would be a flight home, followed by the usual chest-beating calls for structural revolution. In this two-track tournament. England have another chance. Like a car failing its MoT. they have been deemed unroadworthy. But they can turn up again for a retest next weekend, and proceed as if none of this had happened.

Theoretically, they have landed in clover by finishing



as the fourth and last qualifier from group B. They must meet Faisalabad, and their opponents will not be Australia or India but Sri Lanka, who banked four points from forfeited games. Nobody should be sanguine about further progress, but it is a fact that, when this competition began, England would have expected to beat Sri Lanka six times out

The squad is likely to undergo further change before the quarter-final, after a hamstring injury sustained in the brother. Nasser Hussain is the probable replacement, should one be granted today, and it is valid to question whether a player who has become as injury-prone as Fairbrother, and whose batting has de clined with his fitness, should have been an original

selection. England, however, have not done much right on this trip. Even the decision to bat first yesterday appears, in hindsight, a howler. Wasim Akram, the Pakistan captain, said that he would have bowled first anyway "because

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-147 (Atherion 53), 2-151 (Atherion 64), 3-156 (Thorpe 3), 4-194 (Thorpe 25), 5-204 (Thorpe 32), 6-212 (Thorpe 35), 7-217 (Thorpe 40), 8-241 (Thorpe 48), 9-247 (Thorpe 51) England won toes Build AND

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Total (9 wide, 50 overs, 213min) . 249

it is better to chase runs on this

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Jaz Ahmed & Russell b Cork ... (113min, 82 bath, 6 bum)

the flow, Atherton hit him out

of the attack with refreshing

Mushtaq was withdrawn

after conceding 39 runs in five

overs, and it was the part-time

leg spin of Salim Malik that

broke the stand when Smith,

by now feeling his calf strain

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mid-on. Even devotees of Eng-

land collapses could see no

obvious way they might

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Total (3 wkts, 47.4 overs, 216min) 250

Compiled by Bill Frindell

squander this situation, but somehow they managed. Hick, losing his bearings against Sohail, was tamely stumped second hall, and when Atherton was bowled, making room to cut, England had lost three wickets for nine.

The remainder of the innings would be best glossed over but for another valiant

twice out in the past four games. That nobody could stay with him was due partly to Mushtaq, who returned with a second spell of three for 14, and partly to the spineless incompetence that grips England in adverstity.

On the type of slow, sullen pitch that turns bowlers to thoughts of alternative careers, England's chance of victory now rested with Pakistan's penchant for self-destruction, but they did not oblige. Their left-handed openers, Sohail and Anwar, were savage on anything offachieved from the start. Richard Illingworth split them, but hardly threatened again, and as Atherton explored his options, with upwards of a dozen bowling changes, only Cork provided the necessary

The crowd went home happy after the local hero. Javed Miandad, batted briefly on his latest farewell to Karachi, and Atherton left the ground defi-antly perky. "We will go to Paisalabad with more confidence than we brought into this game," he said. If only one

penetration.

Strong batting sees Sri Lanka gain easy win

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON, IN DELHI

DELHI |Sri Lanka won tossl: Sri Lanka (2pts) beat India by

SRI LANKA beat India on Saturday with an ease that reinforced the general view that they can play a significant part in this World Cup and, at the same time, exposed India as a team with hollow legs. The crowd which whooped and hollered as Tendulkar made his second hundred of the competition was eerily silent before the end.

The victory means that Sri Lanka will now enter the quarter-finals as winners of group A and meet England in Faisalabad next Saturday. That is not a prospect that will cause them sleepless nights, for theirs is a team rich in batting and, unlike England, full of confidence.

India's progress is less as-sured. After beating West Indies they have now lost successive matches and no team of ambition endures that without a tremor of self-doubt. They are wobbling a bit and their inability to defend a score of 271 for three must disturb them. Tendulkar, who has made 424 runs already. cannot play teams by himself.

Sri Lanka have no Tendulkar but they bat well together. They beat Zimbabwe with a flurry of sixes, and 13 overs to spare, and reached their target in Delhi without needing the last eight balls of the innings. An unbeaten stand of 131 between Ranatunga, the captain, and Tillekeratne confirmed victory after three men had thrown

away their wickets. There was the most extraordinary start to the innings when Jayasuriya set about Prabhakar with a rare purpose. The left-hander took 22 off the bowler's second over. driving him out of the attack with four fours and a mighty six. When Prabhakar returned it was as an off spinner and he was treated with similar disdain by Ranatunga. His four overs cost 47 and he may now forfeit the ail-rounder's role.

India chose to play Ankola, fourth seamer, ahead of Raju, the left-arm spinner, and their bowling was so plain full quota — as if he had not done enough on the team's behalf. Once Javasuriya had established the tone, the runs simply poured, 82 in the first ten overs with the hundred coming up in the fourteenth. It was a dazzling performance and ensured that the rate required off the last 20 was a manageable five per over.

Jayasuriya's brutal made from 76 balls, justifiably earned him the individual award. This really was a match-winning performance, and although he lifted Kumble to long on - the first of three wickets to fall in successive overs to the wrist spinner -Sri Lanka were never struggling to reach their target, so comfortably did Ranatunga and, in particular. Tillekeratne perform.

Tendulkar's hundred earlier in the day was but a memory as a foot-weary India team left the field, having learned a lesson. Tendulkar shared a stand of 175 with Azharuddin, matching the best by an Indian pair for the third wicket in one-day cricket. He hit an impressive five

sixes in his 137. To have a good chance of beating Sri Lanka, however, a team must first out 300 on the board. They may have played two fewer matches than other sides but they do not lack sharpness. If anything the loss of those games against Austra-

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-129, 3-137, Man of the match: S T Jayacuriya Umpres: C.J. Mitchley and I.D. Robinson

lia and West Indies has given them a sense of mission.

The game deserved a better which is inadequate for the requirements of an international competition. Not were the match arrangements any better. Ticket-holders were demen like Clive Lloyd, Wes Hall, and I.S. Bindra, the president of the Indian Board of Control. In addition, two Indian journalists were assaulted outside the ground by police officers.

None of this is surprising. Methods of accreditation to these games are so unreliable as to be worthless. An English journalist who turned up in Bombay for the India-Australia game walked straight into the ground, no questions asked. The BBC Radio correspondent, fully accredited, was jostled by a zealous policeman.

WORLD CUP DETAILS

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FINAL: Mar 17: Lahore

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Captain Fearful senses approach of firing squad Simon Wilde's sanguine about his future, Michael Atherton or Richie WORLD, Richardson. Each is openly fearful that a bad World Cup for his side could be the death of his leadership. Both may be right. The difference is that, in

EXTRAS the Caribbean, revenge is a dish they prefer to eat cold. This may explain some frank remarks from Richardvery sorry, we're as disappointed as they are. I've never son yesterday on the eve of their vital match against Ausfelt this bad in all my life. If things are not going well, somebody should be blamed tralia. "If it's time for someone else to take over, I don't have a and the people at the top are problem with that," he said. "I usually the ones. I'm the captain, but the players are will still support the West Indies team and West Indies cricket 100 per cent, I know people at home are hurt and they re very disappointed . . . it was a really bad performance against Kenyal and we de-

also responsible, the whole set-up is responsible ... we're in a very, very deep hole and we're almost at the bottom." If Richardson is fired, he may not play for West Indies again. He is 34 and - as his predecessor. Viv Richards, discovered - West Indies captains rarely play on under

contribution from Thorpe, who has scored 227 runs for

Hat trick snub Another snub for the World Cup jobsworths. Amitous to

preserve the integrity and culture of the game, one of their number told Jack Russell in Ahmedabad three weeks ago that he could not wear the floppy, white hat that the Gloucestershire and England wicketkeeper is believed to have worn since 1981: he had to wear one in England's "traditional" one-day colours of sky blue instead. Russell ignored him and played in the hat anyway.

Another official attempted to prevent Javed Miandad going out to bat against Eng-land in Karachi yesterday in a white helmet rather than Pakistan's one-day green. Mian-dad refused to change it. "I've worn it for the last 20 years and I am not going to stop now," he replied. Mind you, Miandad has fried bigger fish than this in his homeland, where few umpires are bold enough to give him out leg-before and he once used his influence with the prime minister to remind the national selectors of the wisdom of picking him.

Dubious hypes

The encounter in Jaipur today between the World's Most Hyped Batsman (Brian Lara) and the World's Most Hyped Bowler (Shane 'Warne) is something of a rarity. They had met only three times before in one-day matches, in the Caribbean last year, when Lara scored 55, 62 and 139. Warne did not take his wicket. which he has only claimed once in eight Test matches. Not that either believes the hype about the other. Lara thinks Warne has fewer variations than Mushtag Ahmed; Warne that Sachin Tendulkar is a more unforgiving batsmen than Lare.

Rhodes to hockey

Jonty Rhodes, the South Africa batsman who gave up the chance of an international hockey career four years ago to concentrate on cricket, has been given permission to join a trial with his country's hockey squad prior to the Olympic Games in Atlanta in July. It is easy to imagine that Rhodes's speed and mobility is as much an asset on the prowls the covers. As Ian in for the day-night match.

Chappell once remarked: "Two-thirds of the world's surface is covered by water. the rest by Jonty Rhodes."

Just the ticket

Supporters queued for ten hours to buy the first tickets to go on sale yesterday for the World Cup quarter-final in Bangalore next Saturday, on the off-chance that it will be between arch rivals India and Pakistan, who have not played each other on the subcontinent since 1989. "Everybody expects it to be an India-Pakistan match. That is the reason for this frenzy." an official of the Karnataka State Cricket Association said. If the unthinkable happens, a huge security operation will be mounted, with units of India's border security hockey field as it is when he force and 2,000 police drafted

Ma's army ready for return to front line in Atlanta



Ma Junren: harsh

MA JUNREN, the controversial, chainsmoking Chinese track coach, a roughhewn ex-soldier who two years ago fell from grace after his "family army" of female athletes mutinied and deserted over alleged harsh discipline, seems set to lead his "soldiers" to the Olympic Games after a six-strong team won an unexpected victory in an international marathon relay

race here. "If I am entrusted by the Chinese public to go to Atlanta, of course I will do my best." Ma, 52, said after China led home 15 teams in the annual event over 26.3 miles. The Peking media, which has attacked him in the past for arrogance, is singing his praises now. "Famous Scotch Ma once again becomes focus of the people" the Peking Youth Daily trumpeted yesterday

after Ma's triumph on Saturday.

Ma has reason to be pleased. Before the race, he referred to the fifth place achieved by China under another coach last year and said: "Today's result will definitely be better than last year, but, given the young age and lack of experience of the new runners, we're hoping to finish fourth but will strive for third."

Of the six members of Ma's family army in the event, four - Wang Xiaotia, Cong Li, Yne Chao Xia and Xin Kai Xia - were unknowns. The others were Dong Yanmei and Cui Ying, a thin, intense girl, weatherbeaten by the sun during gruelling training sessions, who was the first Chinese runner in the relay and set a

cracking pace. Ma's girls, most of sturdy peasant stock from the rural areas of Liaoning in rugged northeast China, wear the short haircuts Jimmy Pringle, in Peking, reports on the revival of

a controversial track coach

that have the hallmark of Ma's army. Ma forours them because he says that they are good for the skin".

These crops were one of the reasons that runners such as Wang Jun Xia, the 10.000 metres world record-holder, left in 1994 with 16 others a few months after an earlier row over hairstyles and a boyfriend had led Lin Dong, the 1,500 metres runner, to leave in a buff.

Jaing Bo, China's new Olympic hopeful, was originally listed to take part on Saturday, but was inexplicably absent. Ou Yunxia, the 1,500 metres world recordholder, was sick with a liver complaint.

Romania came second and Japan. who won the event last year, third. China's time of 2hr 15min 48sec was still Imin 33sec behind the world's best, recently set by Japan. Clutching the trophy, Ma pointed out that, in Asia, only China and Japan had the capacity to compete in long and middle-distances at Atlanta and added that they could together win "glories for

the whole of Asia". Last week, on arrival here, Ma had claimed that most members of his original army had returned, but there was no mention of Wang Jun Xia or Liu Dong. The departure of my old proteges two years ago taught me a lesson and I came to realise the importance of scientific management," Ma said.

He claims that his victories are a result of high-altitude training and tonics of partie blood and caterpillar soup, which he has established a company to market in China and abroad. Ma rides an ancient motorcycle sidecar beside his athletes, urging them on. Critics at the world championships in

Stuttgart in 1993, where Ma's family army first burst on to the international scene. called for drug tests, but nothing was proven. Ma's harsh rule, however, was too much for his charges, even though many were used to a spartan lifestyle in the Chinese countryside. Boylmends and stylish clothes were banned. The young runners also claimed that they needed some time for relaxation and accused him of impounding prize-money which he said he was holding for them only temporarily.

Kinkladze touches heights despite low-key display

ou have to expect a reaction. Georgiou Kinkladze has played two successive games of baroque splendour, in a manner that has not been seen for years. It was inevitable that Saturday at Maine Road should be a let-down, a return

to a more austere period of art. He has given two wonderful games, filled with extraordinary dribbling charges at the finest teams in the country, the Uniteds of Manchester and Newcastle. You might have thought that Blackburn Rovers, a team that never needs to go back to basics, would be tailor-made for

another virtuoso performance. No. Kinkladze, the Georgian who has already been praised as perhaps the finest foreigner to play for an Eng-lish club, had a day when he showed his skills in, as it were.

a minor key. He laid off more than he passed as Manchester City chased the game, he was seldom picked out by Clough. whose radar was up the creek. Thus is it with these players of huge talent — one week, at the heart of things, conductor and soloist in a concerto for Kindladze and orchestra; next week, fiddling away more or less anonymously.

He made only two telling contributions in the match. Each was, as they say, worth the admission-money on its own. Kinkladze's two contributions should have made it 3-1; they really were that good.

The first came after ten minutes, when Kinkladze with a single touch. The obvious technique for stopping a man as single-footed as Kinkladze is to stand in front of the good foot, but his touch was so perfect that he took the ball and, in a single touch of that magical left foot, carried it across his body into space on

This can only be because his touch is so deft, so yielding and cushioning, that he can carry the ball on his boot a fraction longer than run-of-the-mill hoolers. Now on his left foot, Kinkladze's forward pass into space gave Rösler an almost indecently perfect ball

Flowers, the Blackburn



Simon Barnes sees a player below his best catch the eye in Manchester City's 1-1 draw

undone by a famous freak goal, was in a mood to show that he really can keep goal. He narrowed the angle well and beat away Rösler's shot. Rösler should have scored, though, and the head-hang

That was about all we really got of Kinkladze until the final minute. Blackburn went ahead in the first half when Summerbee made an error that perhaps every full back in the country has made once: thinking that Shearer cannot

showed that he knew it.

possibly score from here. Shearer's drive from out on the left edge of the penalty area damn near splintered the post

before going in.
City looked increasingly downcast at this until Alan Ball, their manager, made a double substitution with 15 minutes to go. Lomas equalised with a charging header from a cross by Summerbee. Flowers saved well from Phillips, the wunderkind, and again from Flitcroft. Then came Kinkladze.

Again, at last. Scurrying into

the opposing penalty area, reaching the byline on the left, bodies between him and

Then, suddenly, no bodies. Kinkladze clear, with a long moment to measure the options and choose the best. I do not know how he did that one. I do not have a clue. No explanation at all to offer. I do not think that there is another player in English football who could have done it.

A sweet cross, and Rösler steaming in for the header. It was an unusual cross, travelling only a short distance with a delicate, looping trajectory.
Perhaps that is why Rösler
mistimed his jump. He got
underneath it, the ball soared over and City had to be content

only £2 million from Dynamo Tbilisi and was signed in the close season on the day that Ball arrived. It must be the best bit of business that he has ever done, though it was nothing to do with

Kinkladze has outstanding individual skills, but he is not a lonely, misunderstood maverick: he is a match-winner. He should have been celebrated as exactly that this

morning. He dribbles. Ryan Giggs does not dribble, he runs majestically - with the ball, a different matter entirely. Has English football had a true dribbler in football since the charming but inneffective Pat Nevin? You start to think of

Charlie Cooke.

Is dribbling a football ar speed the hardest task in all ball games? The throwing and catching by rugby players, on the television in the press-

room after the game, was elephantine in comparison. Perhaps consistent hitting in hasehall — round ball, round bat - is the only thing as hard to pull off. Dribbling is the more remarkable skill and, even in muted form. Kinkladze is the footballing revelation of the season.

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Fronteck (sub S Hiley, 75mm) — S.Lomas,
N Clough, G Fiktroff — G Finkladge — N
Outin (sub M Philips, 75), U Rösler
BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Howers
— H Barg, C Hendry, C Coleman, J Fanna
— K Gallacher, T Sherwood, W Mchynlay M
Holmes — A Shearer, M Nowell
Referee: P Danson

Branco does enough to whet the appetite

Middlesbrough

By Ivo Tennant

THE last competitive match that Branco had played in had taken place three months ago. Now, he was in a foreign country, an alien climate, a bewildering culture, representing a club which, for all he knew, had not existed before Juninho arrived. He was fit enough only to pad around the pitch for ten minutes at halfpace, and yet still looked considerably more accomplished than anybody else.

He is, of course, Branco, who flew in to Teesside three days before this match, has 83 Brazil caps to his snapov name, and would have won more during the past two years had his country not looked to try out numerous younger players. He can perform at left back, centre back or, as he did on Saturday as a

substitute, in midfield. Bryan Robson, his manager, ultimately had little choice in the matter of where to play him. Middlesbrough were being beaten — and soundly. as older than Juninho, his compatriot, but he has at least had a personal trainer at his disposal over the past two months. Better for Robson to have taken a chance with him in midfield from the outset than to bring him on with the

match lost. There was still quite a bit to enjoy. A loose ball was driven a foot wide before Southall moved, a smart backheel dumbfounded his new colleagues as much as the opposition. Once, Branco sidestepped a committed defender and tumbled over in the What will he do over a full 90 minutes? He and Juninho will be reunited at Upton Park on Saturday, and there will be a

crowd to watch them, for sure. Let us hope that it will be an appreciative one, for Branco, ven his age, is not likely to be in England for long. It will be all too brief a stay if Middlesbrough continue their alarming spiral. Their last victory in the FA Carling Premiership over West Ham United - was before Christmas. They have been defeated nine times in their past ten league matches. The Endsleigh Insurance League beckons, and it is not the place to finish up in if you are more accustomed to a World Cup final.

Branco was hardly wel-comed by Everton's supporters, which was only to be expected, but the reception, if that is the right word, given to Kanchelskis by Middlesbrough's followers was appalling. Was it only because he turned down their club in favour of Everton? A fanzine even came up with the theory that he had bought a house of Teesside and been fitted out for shirt size before opting for Here, then, was another

example of a lack of respect towards the visiting top player, let alone enjoyment of his abilities. He is foreign, he is too-class. he is on the wrong side, therefore he will be abused. This attitude is prevalent in most sports, although it has become worse since Peter Thomson, the Australian golfer, realised with incredulity 25 years ago that crowds in the United States were cheering when his ball landed in a bunker. "This kind of alien reaction is something that we, as performers, must now ac-Everton penalty area, a mite cept," he said then,



Barmby, the Middlesbrough forward, is brought down to earth by a sliding tackle from Ebbrell at the Riverside Stadium

Kanchelskis tolerated it. What was more, the balance and control that he possesses in abundance brought about Everton's second goal, a minute before half-time. Three defenders pursued him in vain, and at least one of them,

Fleming, brought him down. Hinchcliffe scored with the ensuing penalty to add to Grant's volley midway through the first half. Middlesbrough, with five

passed the ball pleasingly enough at times. Fjortoft had two clear chances, once clipping the bar and then driving against Southall's legs, but they lacked the element of the players suspended and in unexpected that Brazilians can, and do, provide. need of Robson's presence,

MIDDLESSROUGH (4-5-1), G Walsh — N Cox, D Whyle, M Barron, C Reming — R Musice, N Barmby, A Moore, G Kavanagh (aub Branco, 80min), C Hignett (aub 'J Hendrie, 80) — J A Fjortott,

EVERTON (4-4-2) N Southel — J O'Cornor, D Uneworth, D Watson, A Hinchcliffe — A Kancheleke, J Parkinson, A Grant, J Ebbrel — G Stuart, D

Chelsea prosper from Hoddle's weighting game

Cheisea ...

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

FOR once in the FA Carling Premiership, all eyes were on the FA Cup, whatever the managers said. After the match, queues formed in the cold and the rain for tickets for the quarter-final at Stamford Bridge on Saturday. There was a distinct sense of "see you next week", epitomised by Vinnie Jones and Rund Gullit, who could have been wearing dancing shoes rather than football boots for all the contact made.

Far from extending hostilities from Boxing Day, when Jones was sent off for fouling the Dutchman and then accused him. in particular, and foreigners in general, of squealing like pigs, the No 4s must have signed a nontackling treaty. Jones man-marked Gullit throughout the second half, but it was more blocking than marking, and such was Gullit's general disinterest in the proceedings that only once did he bother to

The moment was pure comedy. One-on-one, with Gullit aiready at pace and steaming for the byline, Jones valiantly summoned every sinew for the pursuit, only to be left trailing like a London bus in the wake of a Williams Rewas cleared and he resumed his meandering and Jones his lumbering.

The leader of the Crazy Gang is a caricature of him-self these days — "For sale: one long-throw specialist with a nice line in ferocious looks. Only relegation strugglers need apply."

Whether enough of the

Cup's magic dust can settle on these two by Saturday to produce a decent game is open to question. They are just not suited to each other. Chelsea, at least, proved a point as well as winning one by matching their traditional

bogeymen for muscle. Glenn Hoddle, their manager, selected his team on the principles of the boxing rather than footballing form, raising Chelsea's punching power by bringing in Johnsen (6ft lin. 13st 5lb), Furlong (6ft, 11st 8lb) and Spackman (6ft lin, 12st 4lb) and leaving out Peacock (5ft 8in, 11st 5lb) and Spencer (5ft 7in. 9st 101h).

It took time for Chelsea to get the hang of the whack down the channels, which is still Wimbledon's staple diet. but, by the end, they had mastered it well enough to try

to play some football as well. Afterwards, Hoddle sugested that the pitch at Stamford Bridge would be better suited to Chelsea's footsteps than Wimbledon's hoofs, hinting that his side would do it their way next time. It could be a tortuous tactical week for

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him, the purist vying with the ground. Or the high ball. Either way, logic dictates that 🖷 he cannot keep Steve Clarke at the centre of his three-man defence, particularly if Dean

Holdsworth returns. Clarke looked thoroughly ill at ease under pressure from Ekoku and, with some inevcross into the net moments after Furiong had headed Chelsea undeservedly ahead from Wise's free kick in the first half. After conceding two own goals against Aston Villa last week. Wimbledon knew the feeling well. Just one of those things. Hoddle said. Next Saturday, it will be for

WIMBLEDON (4-3-3) N Sullivan — h
Curningham D Blackwell, C Perry, A
Kimble — R Earle, V Jones, O Leonhardsan
— J Goodman (sub A Clerke 84min), E
Eoku, M Gayle
CHELSÉA (3-5-2) K Hinchcock — M
Duberry, S Clarke, E Johnson (sub G
Peacock, B3) — D Petrescu, R Guilfi, N
Spackman, D Wise, T Phelan — M Hughes,
P Furlong
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Southampton re-enter the twilight zone

Southampton0

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

IN THE FA Carling Premiership, there are the haves, the nots. The division is clearly defined in the mind of Dave Merrington, the Southampton manager, and he knows exactly where his club lies - in the basement. Life is a constant battle against the big boys, the big bucks and the big drop.

Merrington states it as fact, not excuse, for his side's increasingly apparent shortcomings, and he can probably take the strain of such unfair

slipping into the twilight zone of relegation for the first time since October, he dare not contemplate yet - at least not publicly

"You have got the 'mega six" at the top, then those in the middle who can spend a bit, then the lot at the bottom." Merrington said. In terms of finance, it is us and Wimbledon. What did our team cost? Around £3-3.5 million. I suppose. That is about the same as one of Tottenham's

Southampton have no option but to chase the minutest morsel, to beg for scraps at the hanqueting table. We will keep fighting on, the spirit is said. "You have just got to keep working hard. Perhaps we did not deserve to win, but we did not deserve to lose, cither."

At White Hart Lane on Saturday, neither of the sides emerged with much credit. Whether Tottenham qualify for membership of the "mega six", or are simply one of those who can spend a bit, is a moot point. On the patchwork evi-dence of a divot-encrusted surface that requires drastic summer surgery, they often resembled a job-lot among Merrington's lot at the

How they missed Armstrong, whose transfer fee of £4.5 million, when he moved

new team to The Dell, with plenty of change. Injury kept him out for only the second time this season and, though Slade. 20. his replacement, made an encouraging debut, Sheringham, Armstrong's usual partner, was often left shaking his head in frustration. An eager rookie is no substitute for genuine quality.

Apart from Slade's early volley, that shaved a post, the first half should be left to gather cobwebs. The second period was marginally better, the highlight of which saw Wilson, Slade, Campbell, Howells and Sinton combine succinctly to set up Dozzell's headed goal after 64 minutes.

arcing off Widdrington, deceiving Beasant and allowing Dozzell to nip in before Hall. Shipperley should have equalised in the 88th minute

from Le Tissier's exquisite pass - one of his few contributions in a lethargic display but he shot over. Thus, Tottenham remained amid the big boys and Southampton reconsidered the big drop; the stark contrast of the haves and have-nots.

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Bolton breathe life back into survival campaign

Leeds United0 Bolton Wanderers 1

BY MARK HODKINSON

RATHER like the woman found alive earlier this year in u mortuary, a faint pulse has suddenly been discovered in Bolton Wanderers. A deserved victory against torpid Leeds United on Saturday has brought them to within one win of Queens Park Rangers, who are next to bottom - not bad for a team which was once eight points adrift in the FA Carling Premiership. Bolton. in their change kit of

indigo, played with just one forward, the tireless Nathan Blake, and the rest swarmed around the ball like bluebottles waking up to spring. When the ball fell under their command, their play, usually organised by Curcic, was busy and forthright.

The goal came early, when Palmer, so often impeded by his own elbows and knees, collided with Phillips. Sellars floated over the subsequent free kick and Bergsson headed strongly past Lukic. Bolton, with Leeds perhaps

dreaming of Wembley, enjoyed the scenery in their opponents half. Curcic, Blake and Paatelainen tested Lukic before Leeds mustered their first authentic attack. Brolin. with more than half an hour gone, finally ran at the visitors. Typically, his pass, aimed at Yeboah, raced ahead for Branagan to collect easily.

drowsiness after the break and tore repeatedly into Bolton's thick blue line. Brolin, rumoured to be under orders to improve his work-rate, ran hard, sometimes finding himself on the edge of his own penalty area as he sought the ball. Brolin and Yeboah, a striking partnership ostensibly heaven-made, were, for the most part, strangers on the

same train, and neither sure of

the destination. De Freitas replaced the exhausted Blake and headed wide with his first touch. A few minutes later, he was put through by Stubbs. He rounded Lukic but, instead of passing to the unmarked Curcic, he shot selfishly, and Beesley kicked it from the line. Curcic,

Todd: fresh optimism

prise and skill merited, kicked the goalpost in frustration. The rattle could be heard from the other end of the pitch.

Leeds provided the expected late rally. Branagan made an exceptional save from Palmer and, in the fading seconds, Deane headed wide after some intricate interplay between Brolin and Wallace. Colin Todd, the Bolton man-

iger, was appropriately proud of his team. "I told the players in the hotel before the that, after the United defeat they lost 6-0 at home to Manchester United last Sunday, the whole nation was looking at us and waiting for us to full flat on our faces," he said. "I said to them that if they worked, organised themselves, had the appetite and were disciplined, who knows? They responded magnificently. It's been a good day for us.

a very good day."

Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, bemoaned his lengthy injury list, the numerous cup games that his side had played, and complained that his squad was thin. He also conceded a lack of will. There were people out there who were content to just join in." he said. "Only three or four wanted to play."

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Gory 83 — R Wallace C Pelmor,
McAlaster — B Dearre, T Bolm A Yebool
BOLTON WANDERERS (4-5-1)
Branggan — J Prings, S Coleman
Fauctough, G Bengsaon — A Shabb
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Bergkamp orchestrates rhythms of Rioch touch his foot, but, according cannot do is convert



Bergkamp: dedicated

Queens Park Rangers .. 1

By ALYSON RUDD

gramme, Queens Park Rangers update their record of the season with a list of who played in each match. A black circle after a player's name indicates a goal scored, a yellow one illustrates a booking. Perhaps not surprisingly for a side in a relegation place. the page looks like a bowl of sunshine museli, with a smattering of 23 goals among 64

Too few goals evidently results in frustration. Rangers can defend well, but what they goalscoring chances. The difference between the two goals scored on Saturday explained why a club pays £7.5 million for a forward.

Kevin Gallen put Rangers ahead after 20 minutes. Impey's cross ricocheted off a defender's shin to land at his feet. He did not have time to consider how to strike the ball nor where to place it. All he had to do was co-ordinate foot and eye and it was a goal, his third of the season. Do not be fouled into think-

ing that Dennis Bergkamp

equalised with a similarly

instinctive goal. Certainly, he

struck Dixon's cross on the

volley so cleanly that the ball

never appeared to actually

to Bruce Rioch, his manager, that goal wasn't an accident". The Holland international practises his volleying over and over again. Rioch painted a picture of a dedicated, possibly obsessive, character who is incessantly striking

mid-air missiles until the net can stand no more. Bergkamp is not the most magnetic of the foreign players gracing the FA Carling Premiership, neither is he the xest value-for-money signing. but he seems to suit Rioch. "It can't be fast, fast, fast," the manager said. "I think there has be to be a slow, slow, hardly tango across the pitch,

but Bergkamp at least knows

when to stroll and when to squeeze the trigger. 1 think Bergkamp is one

for the connoisseur." Ray Wilkins, the Rangers manager, said, Which, roughly trans-lated, means that Bergkamp must seem fairly boring, but, if you scrutinise his play, it is actually rather beautiful. How sweet that Wilkins has time to admire the opposition's centre forward while his side cling to the rim of the slippery slope.

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Fowler and McManaman destroy Villa with stunning opening salvo

Liverpool underline title credentials

Aston Villa

BY PETER BALL

ANYONE who thinks the FA Carling Premiership is a twohorse race had better think again. Liverpool gave their own view yesterday, and an emphatic one it was, three goals in the first eight minutes burning off Asion Villa's pretentions.

Liverpool are now two points behind second-placed Manchester United, a further four away from leaders Newcastle, who still have to visit Antield. Whatever happens at St James' Park tonight, when the top two meet, Liverpool know they have to keep winning and hope for the leaders to slip, but on this form, nothing is beyond them.

They were simply awesome for half an hour yesterday, the pace and incisivness of their attacks tearing apart the de-fence which had been the best in the Premiership. After the dour war of anrinon of Saturday afternoon's rugby, this was a rich tapestry of

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movement and imagination for the Sunday television audience.

Fowler, who took his total to 29 goals for the season, and McManaman were devastating, but it was hard to find a Liverpool player who was less than excellent. Apart from Yorke, Villa, by contrast, were collectively below par - in some cases more than one degree. Draper and Johnson were both missed, but it was the gaps in the defence which

undid the visitors. Bosnich has not had a happy time against Liverpool ear, his slip playing its part in Villa's only other recent defeat, when Liverpool won at Villa Park in January, and he was badly at fault for the third

By the half-hour, the Villa supporters were giving their ew of their defenders perforvilance, with a mournful chant "Ooch Ahhh Paul McGrath", even though it would have taken more than the absent Irishman to rescue them. It said everything about Villa's day that Milosevic and final two minutes. Milosevic for kicking the ball away, Ehiogu for a scything tackle from behind on Fowler.

Milosevic will now serve a suspension before the Coca-



Collymore and McAteer congratulate McManaman after he had scored the opening goal to begin Liverpool's remarkable demolition of Villa

Cola Cup final, but, for reasons best known to himself, Keith Cooper decided that Ehiogu should be booked for ungentlemanly rather than violent conduct leaving the player on 19 points instead of 21. Unless he is booked playing for the reserves on Tuesday, he will be at risk in Villa's next two matches.

"If what Ehiogu did was only two points, the whole system needs looking at," Brian Little, the Villa manager, said afterwards — the first time a manager has been known to complain that one of his own players was not dealt

with firmly enough.
Liverpool could not have had a better start, taking the lead with a splendid goal after 78 seconds. After around 20 found Barnes and he flicked the ball to McManaman who finished his intelligent run with a volley low below

Bosnich's right hand. That put the Kop in full voice and Liverpool were soon pouring towards them. Collymore had a shot saved, but, by the fourth minute. Villa's defence had been breached again. Another intricate series of passes ended McAteer supplying McManaman who transferred the ball to Fowler. Fowler, received it with his back to goal, turned away from Staunton, and beat Bosnich with a rising drive

from 30 yards. Still Liverpool were not finished. Before another four minutes had passed, they scored again. Fowler timed his run to avoid an offside flag and accept Jones' pass down the left. He cut in and, shooting from a narrow angle. beat Bosnich who did no more into the net.

At 3-0 Villa at last went forward, for the first time and Townsend showed that they were taking part in the game with a shot over the bar.

Liverpool were dominating matters, if one avenue was closed, they simply explored another. After being blocked back from McAteer to Wright to James. James switched it to down the left which culminated in Fowler just failing to claim a hat-trick as he turned Collymore's cross wide. Soon both sides lost a central

defender and, inevitably, the pace slackened. Villa strove hard to get back into the game. and in the second half, they had more say in things. How-ever, when Milosevic placed his shot with too much care. and Southgate saw a header hit the woodwork, even a consolation was denied them.

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Oldham's frantic late effort **founders**

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BY DAVID MADDOCK

FOUR, four, two: long, long, ball; dead, dead, boring. For three-quarters of this contest, two tediously predictable sides ploughed their depressingly English furrow, rigid forma-tions and rigid imaginations boring everyone rigid.

Tranmere Rovers were the more proficient. It was enough, though, to give them a regulation two-goal lead from a depressingly routine passage of play. Then, after 71 minutes. Oldham Athletic pulled off the apparently impossible to score, and set up a conclusion that at last provided some excitement.

It was the entertainment that comes from a side that cannot score suddenly given heart against a team that cannot defend - vaudeville, but it was better than nothing. Tranmere had won one of their 15 matches before this, Oldham had scored five goals in their previous II games. Transere went to pieces when they conceded a goal, but still managed to cling on as Old-ham could not find the net.

Tranmere at least managed to halt their recent freefall down the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, largely through the virtues of workrate and experience, in the shape of Aldridge and Nevin. The latter produced a crisp volley to opening the scoring after 19 minutes. Aldridge, at 37, then showed that age has not blunted his appetite with a typically precise sidefoot shot after the Oldham defence allowed a cross by Nevin to reach him in the six-yard box on 52 minutes.

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final, frantic minutes.

Grimsby gremlins give Reid assistance

Grimsby Town Sunderland

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

ALTHOUGH slightly flat-tered by the scoreline, Sunderland significantly enhanced their promotion hopes at a breezy, muddy Blundell Park

yesterday.
Assisted by some chronic nisunderstandings between Grimsby's goalkeeper and his defence they may have been, but Peter Reid's side emphatically cemented their second place in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division.

Six points behind Derby County with a game in hand, they are thus eagerly anticipating the leaders' visit to Wearside on Saturday.

On Humberside Sunderland were ahead ten minutes before half-time, Russell's tight, elever turn and drag back leaving Ball with the simple task of a close range

Sunderland, however, initially had plenty of reason to be grateful to Given. The teenage goalkeeper, on loan from Blackburn, not only coped commendably with a stream of first half crosses. but, just before the break, blocked acrobatically as Southall cut in from the left flank to unleash a curling, rising

Boasting positional sense, judgment of angles and robust physical maturity to belie his youth, Given looks poised for a highly promising future. Sunderland should make every endeavour to sign him up permanently. And fast.

Given and co were mighty grateful when, early in the second half, the referee waved away good-looking Grimsby appeals for handball. Sunder land then capitalised in the 71st minute when Russell rolled the ball into an empty net following a collision between Crichton, the Grimsby keeper, and Warner, one of his central defenders, on the edge of the area.

Warner required treatment for some minutes afterwards, and Sunderland then rubbed salt into his and Grimsby's wounds with two goals in the dying minutes from Phil Gray and Bridges, who had just come on as a substitute.

GRIMSBY TOWN (4-4-2): P Cachton — J McDermott, V Werner, M Lever, G Croft — G Crisis (BUD'S LINIS, GETTIN), P. SICUPISE Groves, N. Southall — S. Livingsic Forrester (sub: N. Woods, 69) SUNDERLAND, (4-4-2): S. Geven Nubicki, A. Meiville, R. Ord, N. Scott Agnew (sub: G. Hall, 83), P. Bracen Bell, Michael Grey — P. Grey, C. R. (sub: M. Bridges, 87) Referes: M. Pieros

Dutchman rekindles Forest fire

Sheffleid Wednesday 1 Nottingham Forest 3

BY PAT GIBSON

BRYAN ROY'S return to form could not have come at a better time for Nottingham Forest. They face Bayern Munich in the first leg of a Uefa Cup quarter-final in Germany tomorrow and Frank Clark, their manager, is much more upbeat about their prospects than he was a week ago.

One of the reasons for Clark's optimism is the resurgence of Roy, a Dutchman, who took so long to recover his old zip after a cartilage opera-tion that Clark began to lose hatience with him. If he had been playing like he was two or three weeks ago, he probably would not be in the team," Clark said, "but he has come good just in time. Having him firing on all cylinders is a big bonus for us." it will be an even greater

boost to Forest if Pearce, their capiain, declares himself fit to play after being out for six weeks with a calf injury, although Clark rates his chances at no higher than 50-50. "With any other player, I would not even say it was 10-90," he said, "but, because of the skipper's presence, we would like him to be on the field if it is at all possible." Forest also have worries

about Stone, sent home on Saturday morning with swol-



Roy: timely return to form

has a sore knee, but they were offset by an impressive team performance altogether too good for a Sheffield Wednesday side heading for relega-tion trouble after losing for the fifth time in six games.

Last season, Forest beat them 7-i at Hillsborough and Wednesday supporters must have feared a repeat when they lost Woods, their goalkeeper, with a hip injury at half-time. Forest had taken the lead in the tenth minute when Howe, Woan's replacement, scored with a crisp volley. Nicol, the stand-in goalkeeper, had not touched the ball when McGregor, Stone's deputy. added an even more spectacular second.

Such adversity strangely galvanised Wednesday into their best spell of the match; stranger still, it was inspired by Waddle, because he might have found himself playing in goal if Nicol had not volunteered for the job. It was Waddle's low cross that enabled Kovacevic to put Wed-

with a simple tap-in, but Allen, the Forest substitute, laid on the goal that Roy deserved, and that was that. "One or two things con-

spired against us today," David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, said. "It is never when you lose your goalkeeper." There was much more to it

than that, however. As Clark said: "We all take the gamble of not having a substitute goalkeeper these days and sometimes it backfires, but you could not put either of the goals down to Steve Nicol. I would rather have seen Chris Waddle sitting on the bench all through the game."

Only Pleat can explain why he was sitting there for half

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Commitment cheers At

West Ham United ..

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

WHEN purists lament the British game's obsession with non-stop goalmouth incident at the expense of sophistication, they presumably have matches like this in mind. Not many people at Highfield Road seemed worried, however — not even the managers, for whom this type of game is usually more life-threatening than life-enhancing.

"There cannot be any sense of despondency after a game like that." Ron Atkinson, the Coventry City manager, said. "We played with drive and commitment to the cause: I have to be satisfied. If we play like that for the rest of the season, we will have plenty in

Plenty more in the goalsagainst column, too, he might have added. His defence's opening gambit was a splendid piece of misunderstanding that saw Shaw heading out of Ogrizovic's hands. The goalkeeper then followed a fine save from Hughes's shot with a fumble that led to Cottee scoring after a bout of headtennis, with only one minute

on the clock. Noel Whelan, of Coventry, a strong candidate for bargain of the season, soon countered with a cross that was volleyed home by Salako and a welljudged lob over Miklosko. Daish and Jess, Atkinson's most recent signings, fared less well. Neither has the measure of the FA Carling Premiership yet: Daish was frequently exposed in the first

Ogrizovic's Jekyll and Hyde performance continued as he saved Dowie's close-range header, then flapped at another corner; the ball fell to Rieper, who finished with relish. The generosity of Coventry's defence offered their goalkeeper several opportunities to make amends as Cottee, Bilic and Potts were allowed

half. Jess often looked lost.

After such a first half, managers usually tighten things up. Atkinson, perversely, replaced Burrows, a full back, with Williams, a midfield player, and it nearly paid off. Williams's volley against the foot of a post was the nearest that either side came to a winner, although it was

not for lack of trying.

Despite the dropped points, both managers lelt positive



Whelan: bargain buy

of the season. "We got ourselves in bother early on," Atkinson reflected, "got our-selves out of it, might have lost it, then could have won it. At the end of it, we have moved up another place."

They came out in the second half and had a real go," Harry Redknapp, the West Ham United manager, said. in the end, we were all happy with the draw. For the first time, I am looking at the results of teams above and around us instead of below us. I felt it was going to be a hard season, but we have improved the standard of the squad, wheeled and dealed and brought in more quality. Now, I want to finish in the top ten." This match may not be an ideal yardstick by which to

judge those ambitions. COVENTRY CITY (44-2) S Ogrzowic — B Bonows, R Shaw, L Daish, D Burrows (sub: P Williams, 45min) — J Seleko, E Jess, K Richardson, P Ndlovu — D Dublin, N Whalan

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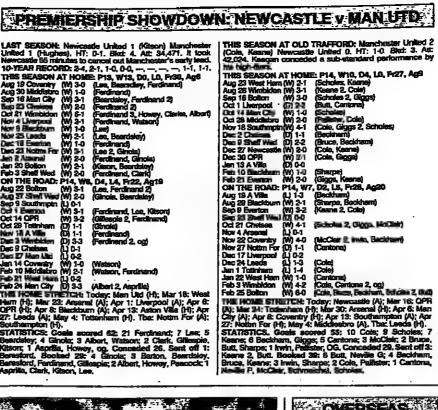
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Goram assaulted as Rangers maintain leading edge day of rancour and upheaval could not dis-

A rupt the serenity of Rangers' progress in the Bell's Scottish League premier division yesterday. A 2-0 victory over Hibernian at Easter Road maintained their three-point lead, but the audience failed to keep so steady a control of their emotions.

Rangers' second goal, in the 71st minute, came after Farrell had impeded Gascoigne, however faintly, to bring a penalty, converted by Laudrup, Leighton, outraged by the decision. bawled at Gascoigne, who responded, and both earned bookings. Their lack of discipline was to be echoed and amplified around the ground. As police were restoring order among a section of the

home crowd, a Hibernian supporter ran on and attacked Andy Goram, the Rangers goalkeeper, who required treatment for a cut on the nose after his assailant had been hauled away. Hibernian intend to ban the supporter from Easter Road for life.

If scarcely as deplorable as that supporter's conduct, too much of the game itself was compelling only because of its fevered unruliness. Damage was inevitable in so abrasive a fixture and Gough, the Rangers captain, tore calf muscles. He will be missing for up to six

Attempts at graceful play were rarely tolerated and it was fitting that the first goal, after 30 minutes, should stem from an error. Laudrup eased

himself away from Miller, Jackson and McGinlay before flighting a cross straight to Mitchell, the Hibernian left back, who skewed a header into his own net.

In the midst of all the misapplied energy was Erik Bo Andersen, signed by Rangers from Aalborg last week for around £1.4 million. Understandably, he found it hard to make sense of an afternoon that had incoherence at its very heart.

After an unobtrusive debut, the Denmark striker may have left Easter Road wondering just how he is supposed to acclimatise to such an environment.

It remains to be seen whether there will be another costly immigrant attempting the

KEVIN McCARRA

Scottish commentary

same process in Glasgow. Celtic's discovery, last week, that their signing of Jorge Cadete, the Portugal interna-tional, was invalid since he is, in Fifa's judgment, still under contract to Sporting Lisbon, was deeply embarrassing to the club. At least, however, the

Celtic players showed no de-sire to hide from public view. Instead, they flaunted their

talents, scoring the first three goals of their 4-0 victory over Heart of Midlothian within the opening 18 minutes of the match at Celtic Park on Saturday. Heart of Midlothian were severely discomfited not only by the opposition's flair but also by the absence of Gilles Rousset, their usual goalkeeper. Craig Nelson, his deputy, and the rest of the Midlothian defence performed as if baffled

by one another. Nonetheless, the most telling factor in the game was the zest of Celtic. It overwhelmed not only the Edinburgh side but also the whole furore surrounding Cadete. The acquisition of a forward with

such a reputation remains a matter of urgency, but nobody in the home support on Sarurday night will have believed that the future of the club depended on it.

Celtic remain hopeful that they will complete the signing of Cadete this week. The club is willing to negotiate a trans-fer fee with Sporting Lisbon, who have been embroiled in a dispute with the player since November, and the attitude of Cadete himself may be the only obstacle to the clinching of a deal.

While under the misapprehension that he was a free agent, Cadete signed a con-tract, now void, that tied him to Celtic only until the summer. Tommy Burns, the club's manager, will, however, be

fee on him only if the forward is prepared to commit himself to a few years in Glasgow. With the possibility of a trial period gone. Cadete must de-cide whether he is ready to embrace Scottish football.

Burns will be exercising his powers of persuasion and there is also to be a bout of wooing from Rangers this week. The club's attempt to buy Ulf Kirsten from Bayer Leverkusen should reach some form of conclusion when Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, meets the German centre forward on Wednesday. Like Cadete, Kirsten has other options, but the days when the Old Firm were merely humble supplicants are, in any case,

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long gone.

Patience of **Ebdon** opens the way for early gain

FROM PHIL YATES

UNAFFECTED by a bomb scare that caused a 55-minute delay, Peter Ebdon established a 5-3 lead over John Parrott in the best-of-17-frame final of the European Open snooker tournament at the Mediterranean Conference

Centre here yesterday.
The call, which turned out to be a hoax, was received at Malta's police headquarters during the mid-session inter-val and a team of sniffer dogs was brought in to search the auditorium.

At the time, the score was 2-2, but, when play belatedly resumed after the official allclear was given, it was Ebdon who seized control by employing the brand of mistake-free snooker that has helped him to develop into one of the game's most feared exponents,

Ebdon, the winner of the invitation Rothmans Malta Grand Prix here four months ago, compiled breaks of 83 in successive frames to move 4-2 ahead before salvaging the seventh from 50 points in

Having gone in-off attempt-ing a safety shot on the penultimate red, Parrott watched Ebdon double it to

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embark on a 31 clearance to pink for 5-2. Even though Parrott responded by winning the closing frame of the afternoon, he was left requiring six of the remaining nine in order to capture the European Open title for the third time and collect a first prize of

Ebdon had reached his fourth final of a highly consistent season on Saturday by beating Andy Hicks 6-3. Par-rott emerged from a semi-final against Joe Swail that combined drama and a succession of free-scoring exchanges with

When Parrott led 5-1, after fashioning clearances of Hu and 120, he looked set for a comfortable passage, but Swail won the next four frames in only 48 minutes before Parrott put together a 57 break early in the deciding frame direct from Swail's missed red to a middle pocket

"It was the best i've niaved since I won the world championship in 1991, and I could still have easily lost the

match," Parrott said. Hicks's defeat was his sixth in as many semi-finals this season. Ebdon led 2-0, but Hicks fought back to draw level at the interval. The match swung back Ebdon's way after Hicks miscued on the final pink of the seventh frame with the score tied at 3-3.

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Bermuda's exports in collision next to M6

Keith Pike sees an unlikely reunion

of international team-mates grace

Walsall's 3-1 win over Rotherham

FROM the jewels of the Continent (Ginola) to the journeymen (Jensen). from the decidedly exotic South American (Juninho) to the seemingly neurotic one (Asprilla), England now provides the stage for a veritable A to Z -Albania to Zimbabwe - of world football. More than 170 players from nearly 50 nations are now accepted for their range of talents and temperaments, if only grudgingly by the xenophobic

"Johnny Foreigner" brigade. It is a strengthening tide, and one that threatens to become a post-Bosman judgment flood. Yet, even so, what odds might have been obtained just a few years ago that, on Saturday, at Walsall's Bescot Stadium in the shadow of the M6, two Bermuda international strikers would line up on opposite sides. albeit in the lower reaches of their Endsleigh insurance League second division? Long - longer still if the bookmaker had realised that the entire population of the Atlantic island could fit into Old Trafford next season.

Historical it was not: that moment had come at Millmoor on Boxing Day, when Kyle Lightbourne's Walsall had inflicted a 1-0 home defeat on Shaun Goater's Rotherham United. Hysterical it very nearly was, though, as Lightbourne scored the first and third goals in Walsall's 3-1 triumph in the return. Lightbourne could see the funny side of it, anyway: both his comical defending by Goater's team-mates, although the fin-ishing was instinctive and impressive.
"Yes, I suppose I'm 2-0 up

on Shaun." Lightbourne, at 27 and oft 2in a year older and an inch taller than his compatriot, said. There was some doubt as to whether Goater would again be buying the drinks. Close friends even before Lightbourne followed Goater's transatlantic path. they had used the first match as an excuse for their families to enjoy part of Christmas together at Goater's Rother-ham home. Now, Lightbourne's chance to reciprocate was under threat. "I've a feeling that John [McGovern. the Rotherham joint manager) will want us in for Sun training," Goater said.

They share much more than their nationality: both have been among the most consistent goalscorers in the lower divisions in recent seasons, both are out of contract in the summer and anxious to play at the highest level possible, and both are deeply troubled by the fall-out from the so-called "Miami Seven Affair", that has rocked the sport back

The crisis erupted in De-



drew from the qualifying com-petition for the 1998 World cember, when seven members Cup. Clyde Best, the bulky

of a Bermuda Under-23 team, returning from a qualifying match in Jamaica for the Pan-American Games, were arrested at Miami airport after drugs were found concealed in the soles of their shoes. Jailed (briefly) and, on their return, banned (lengthily), their actions threw Bermudian football into turmoil.

The Bermuda FA launched a national inquiry, due to report this week, and with-

striker who blazed a trail for black as well as Bermudian footballers with West Ham United in the early 1970s, and who now lives in California, is strongly fancied to fill the vacant position of national

The players' personal disappointment is a secondary consideration, however. trouble is that, with all the

work permit problems, the lack of international football will make it much harder for other youngsters to come to England," Goater said. "I believe very strongly that we have young players with the talent and technique to make an impact here." Lightbourne added, "It is terribly sad. The best way for me and Shaun to help to develop young players in Bermuda is by what we do on the pitch for our country."

Sporting heroes in their

homeland - Lightbourne has also opened the bowling for the Bermuda cricket team. while Goater is fêted on his annual return to host junior succer schools - they recognise that England is now the most welcoming, natural target for overseas players.

There might be an un-healthy mix of too many matches played at too fast a pace - and Hartlepool on a January evening is cold in anybody's language - but

As if to emphasise the point, the man of the match on Saturday was Ntamark, the Walsall full back, who has played for Cameroon.

that is outweighed by the

absence of suspicion among

supporters and fellow players.

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Clark may not risk Pearce

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

STUART PEARCE, the inspirational captain of Nottingham Forest, seems almost certain to miss the first leg of their Uefa Cup quarter-final against Bayern Munich in Germany tomorrow. Pearce, the England defend-

er, who has been out of action for six weeks because of a calf injury, will travel with the squad today, and Frank Clark, the Forest manager. insists that he has not yet been ruled out, but, with Forest having so many other injury worries, it is most unlikely that Clark will gamble on Pearce's fimess.

Yesterday, Clark was monitoring the progress of lan Woah, Steve Stone and Andrea Silenzi, who all missed the 3-1 FA Carling Premiership win against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough on Saturday. Colin Cooper, the centre half, who was outstanding in Forest's victories over Maimo, Auxerre and Lyons in earlier rounds, is out because of suspension.

"Pearce has less than a 50-50

chance," Clark said. "If it were any other player, I would say it was 90-10 against, but he's a special case. We'd like to have him on the field in Munich because his presence means so much to us. Although he's not played, he's been training hard the past few days, and because it is him you might be prepared to take a risk. But we've got another big

game coming up at Tottenham on Saturday [in an FA Cup fifth-round replay] and I wouldn't want him playing on Tuesday if it meant him doing more damage to the injury and being out a lot longer. Pearce believes that Forest

can spring a surprise with their counter-attacking strategy, which is ideally suited to European football. "We've done well to get this far and people will probably be writing us off now because Bayern are obviously a top-class team. but we've survived some tough games in Europe with our spirit and style of play," he said. "I think we've recognised our limitations while other British clubs have thrown caution to the wind and really gone for it."
Woan, the in-form winger,

is expected to pass a fitness test on a sore knee, and Silenzi, the striker, should recover in time from a virus for a possible place on the substitutes' bench, alongside Bobby Howe and Paul McGregor, the two young forwards who were on target at Hillsborough. However, a glandular disorder that forced Clark to send Stone home from the team's hotel in Sheffield is a more serious

Barry Fry was yesterday negotiating his 52nd signing in 27 months as the manager of Birmingham City, the first division club, after agreeing an exchange deal with York City for Paul Barnes. Birmingham will pay York £175,000 for the former Stoke City striker, provided that Gary Bull agrees to move in the opposite direction.

Effortless Alphand seals World Cup

LUC ALPHAND, of France, secured his second successive Alpine World Cap downhill title in Hakuba, Japan, yesterday without having to put his skis on. Thick fog on the Happo One hill course, built for the 1998 Winter Olympics, stopped a planned early-morning downhill race, already cancelled on Friday and Saturday because of bac weather. Peter Runggaldier, of Italy, won the super giant sialom that went ahead later in the day.

Alphand's 173-point lead over Patrick Ortlieb, of Austria, the world champion, cannot be beaten with one race remaining, in Norway next weekend. He won his first World Cup title last year by taking two races in a day in Kitzbühel and has won three downhills in the 1995-

"It was a bit special today, winning the World Cup title by staying in bed," Alphand, 30, said, "but I really wanted to race before the fans, and I hope you will see me go all out in Norway next week." Organisers had planned

an 8am start, the earliest in World Cup history, in an effort to catch up with the backlog. It proved impossible though to begin racing with fog still shrouding the Runggaldier, 27, the 1994-

95 super giant slalom champion, who started twelfth, was helped to his first victory in a year by his Italy team-mates, who warned him of the conditions. My team-mates radioed

that the jump was difficult and the surface would be bumpy and loose." he said. He heat the times set by Atle Skaardal, of Norway, clocking Imin 34.60sec. 0.28sec faster than Skaardal. Hans Knaus, of Austria, finished 0.i2sec further back. Skaardal's placing, however, puts him at the top of the super giant slalom rankings.

Gresley bravura pays off

Gresley Rovers2 By WALTER GAMMIE

TWO teams with a place in Wembley folklore met for the first time since their classic FA Vase final of 1991 in an FA Umbro Trophy third-round tie at Nethermoor on Saturday. If the match did not live up to their celebrated final - won by Guiseley in a replay, after an epic 44 draw — it was a raw, exciting contest that gave the partisans in a 790 crowd plenty to shout about.

Gresley surprised Guiseley by taking the game to them with sharp, positive football that brought goals for Evans and O'Reilly and put them in control at half-time.

Guiseley, throwing on an extra forward in Taylor and primed by some incisive passing from Brockie, responded with increasing pressure that produced a string of chances but only one goal. Paul Wardle, the Gresley defender, could not keep out a flicked

from a corner in the eightieth minute. So wasteful were the Guiseley forwards, so energetically defiant Ford in the Gresley goal, that justice was probably served.

Over the proceedings hung memories of Wembley 1991 marked by presentations and a five-years-on souvenir programme - that did so much to fire the rapid rise of Guiseley and Gresley to positions a level below the Vauxhall Conference, in the UniBond and Beazer Homes premier divisions respectively.

each other pace for pace except in one vital respect. Whereas Gresley have been given the go-ahead to develop a new stadium suitable for Conference football half-a-mile from their cramped Moat Ground, Guiseley have been left reeling by Leeds City Council's refusal to allow them to establish a new home up the road at Thorpe Lane.

Gary Douglas, the Guiseley chairman, is pondering three choices: lodging an appeal for approval but foundered on residents' objections, submitting designs for the substantial redevelopment needed to council-owned Nethermoor. or accepting an offer from Keighley Cougars, the rugby league club, to have winter use

of their stadium.

Douglas admits that the Cougars' offer is tempting. The ground there is readymade for the Football League," he said. "Keighley's a big area without football, but its eight miles away and we've got to listen to our supporters." Like every chairman. Douglas knows that to stand still is to risk losing everything that so much hard work has acquired. "We've got to decide by the end of the season." he

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Wild game, but then the English have always been partial to blood sports. First game April 14th London Monarchs V Scottish Claymores

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Muscular Ireland make visitors pay for their mistakes

Wales undermined by errors

IN DUBLIN

BOTH teams entered this contest in need of what Murray Kidd, the Ireland coach, referred to as "positive rein-forcement". Whatever other merits a team may show honesty, graft or ambitious fancy - it hardly matters unless a win can be secured now and again.

For Ireland and Wales, in their present travails, it is, indeed, a matter of "now and again". That the elusive victory should have been registered by Ireland in a match of mostly erratic yet often exciting movement will give them only momentary satisfaction. There is, for them, something to build on, even if it is just a boost of their morale before they face England.

Wales cannot enjoy even that consolation, nor the compensation of having scored the best tries of the afternoon. Once more, they have to find the resolve to drag themselves up by their boot strans to prepare for France in two weeks' time and the grievous prospect of a white-wash for the second consecutive season. There is no quiet

haven for them. The Ireland pack gave a vigorous, muscular performance, harrying the opposition, capitalising on the many mistakes to which Wales were prone and generally causing the kind of havoc for which they are famed. Ireland's first tries, by Geoghegan and Woods, came largely from

errors in Wales's judgment. They won despite having less of the game than Wales in terms of territory and possession. They had the knack of lifting the pace when it was necessary and, more importantly, knowing where to place the ball to inflict the greatest damage. A success ratio of two-to-one in the lineout should have provided Wales with a comfortable platform. but they rarely matched what Ireland achieved with far less.

The forwards were at the heart of the matter. Costello had a fine match in a back row, who found that their toil in the loose was well supported by Fulcher and Davidson from the second row, Wallace found the necessary drive FIVE NATIONS'

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whenever the try-line beckoned. There was cohesion in their

efforts that was lacking in Wales's. "We played to our game plan." Jonathan Humphreys, the Wales captain. said, "but we made too many mistakes in playing it." Encapsulated in those remarks is the story of Wales's season. There were errors in han-dling and of judgment, as

when leuan Evans and Leigh Davies began promising counter-attacks only for the vital pass to go astray or be delayed. From four penetrating runs by Leigh Davies in midfield, which spread-eagled the home team's defence, only once did a try result, Evans's first. Hemi Taylor created chances, too, but was left isolated. In addition, Wales were profligate in the 21 penalties and free kicks that they gave away. Their scrummage, it seemed, was under permanent pressure. There was more. Arwel

Thomas had the kind of game that will chill his bones in years to come. Justin Thomas suffered at Twickenham, but it was his namesake's turn on Saturday. The young stand-off half can console himself, as Gareth Edwards said on Saturday evening, that such days have visited all of us; 1970 is a year that he would like to forget. That, too, was at Lansdowne Road It is how you come to terms with it that

Whatever Thomas did on Saturday seemed to go awry. He failed to pass when Wales broke clear of defence after Mason's long-range penalty fell short; he miscued his first penalty, as he did with an attempted dropped goal later on, and, when his line kick fell short to allow Woods his juggling run for the second try, it was clear that it was not to be Thomas's afternoon.

That mistake followed Geoghegan's try, after Proctor

teasing chip to the corner. In between, after Leigh Davies's brilliant break, Evans had scored and Thomas coverted to give Wales the lead, but Mason's penalty goal soon restored it to Ireland.

Thomas and Mason exchanged penalty goals before the most breathtaking run of the afternoon led to Evans's second try, which Thomas again converted. At 18-17, Wales might have turned the tables, but Ireland seemed to have the greater hunger and killed off Wales with tries by Fulcher and Corkery.



Fall of Thomas gives Jenkins a foot in the door



JOHN HOPKINS

At Lansdowne Road

f one book can furnish a room, can two Thomases I make a rugby team? Hitherto, there had been no doubting that The young Thomases — William Justin Lloyd, at full back, and Arwel Camber, at stand-off half were bulwarks of Wales's exciting team. Exuberant young men, whose combined age totals 45, they are the

apprentices whose talents would surely have blossomed fully in time to adorn Wales's World Cup. The youthful promise of Justin has not been one whit diminished. The No 15 with the back as straight as a guardsman's did about as much as could be expected of

him on an afternoon when Ireland's rugby rediscovered the meaning of rumbust-iousness. Two brave catches were reminiscent of J. P. R. Williams; for a Wales full back to have his courage likened to that particular predecessor, it is praise indeed. Sadly, though, beneath the

gaze of Barry John and Phil Bennett, two of the greatest men to wear the red shirt with No 10 on the back, Arwel had his comeuppance. Once, he thought he could walk on water; now, it looked as though his legs had turned to jelly. Two of his kicks led to tries by Ireland. His punts had none of their usual trajectory: his kicks at goal, from the ground and from hand, wobbled woefully left and low. They appeared, in fact, as if they were being forced down towards the ground by the weight of public expec-

Hail Arwel, the frail-looking, fresh-faced stand-off who constantly looks as unconcerned as if he were playing a game of touch-rugby on the beach. For now, though, it is time, surely, for Wales to return to the known values of Neil Jenkins, the jug-eared Pontypridd stand-off.

Thomas's precocious talents had presented a contrast with those of Jenkins. Thomas ran, looked at case with the ball in his hand, showed youthful exuberance. Wales have a new coach and are committed to a handling game and Thomas appeared to be the man to orchestrate it. For too long, Jenkins had kicked, with remarkable accuracy, admittedly, and tackled with a courage that out-weighed his own pounds and ounces, and run, from time to time. His reputation was that

of a kicker, nonetheless. In Wales, you were for Thomas or for Jenkins, just as, in England not so lung ago, you were for Stuart Barnes or for Rob Andrew. Arwel was unfettered by tradition and dogma. He was a Cavalier, Jenkins a Roundhead. Thomas represented the romanticism of Welsh rugby,

Jenkins the pragmatism. "Arwel learnt a lot about decision-making and the pressure of international rugby, Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, said on Saturday. "He is still very young and has to learn how to control a game." Bowring, patently a kind man and able to understand what Thomas had just been through, bent over backwards to be understanding, not to pile any more pressure on the young man's shoulders. What he did not say was as revealing as what he said.

enkins must return for the match against France on March 16. Is this, then, a victory for the dark forces and steely eyes of the pragmatists over the roman-tics? Hardly. Thomas might have survived for one more match were there not such an outstanding replacement in Jenkins, whose kicking has so often helped to stop Wales's downward plunge these past few years.

To give Thomas one more chance would be to be left open to charges of naivete. For three caps, he has often delighted, but, sadly, there has been an increasing rate of errors, culminating in a performance that he will want to forget as quickly as possible. Lugubrious Welsh voices were heard to mutter that he should feign an injury and leave the field.

So let us say farewell to Arwel Thomas. It is just for now, it is not for ever

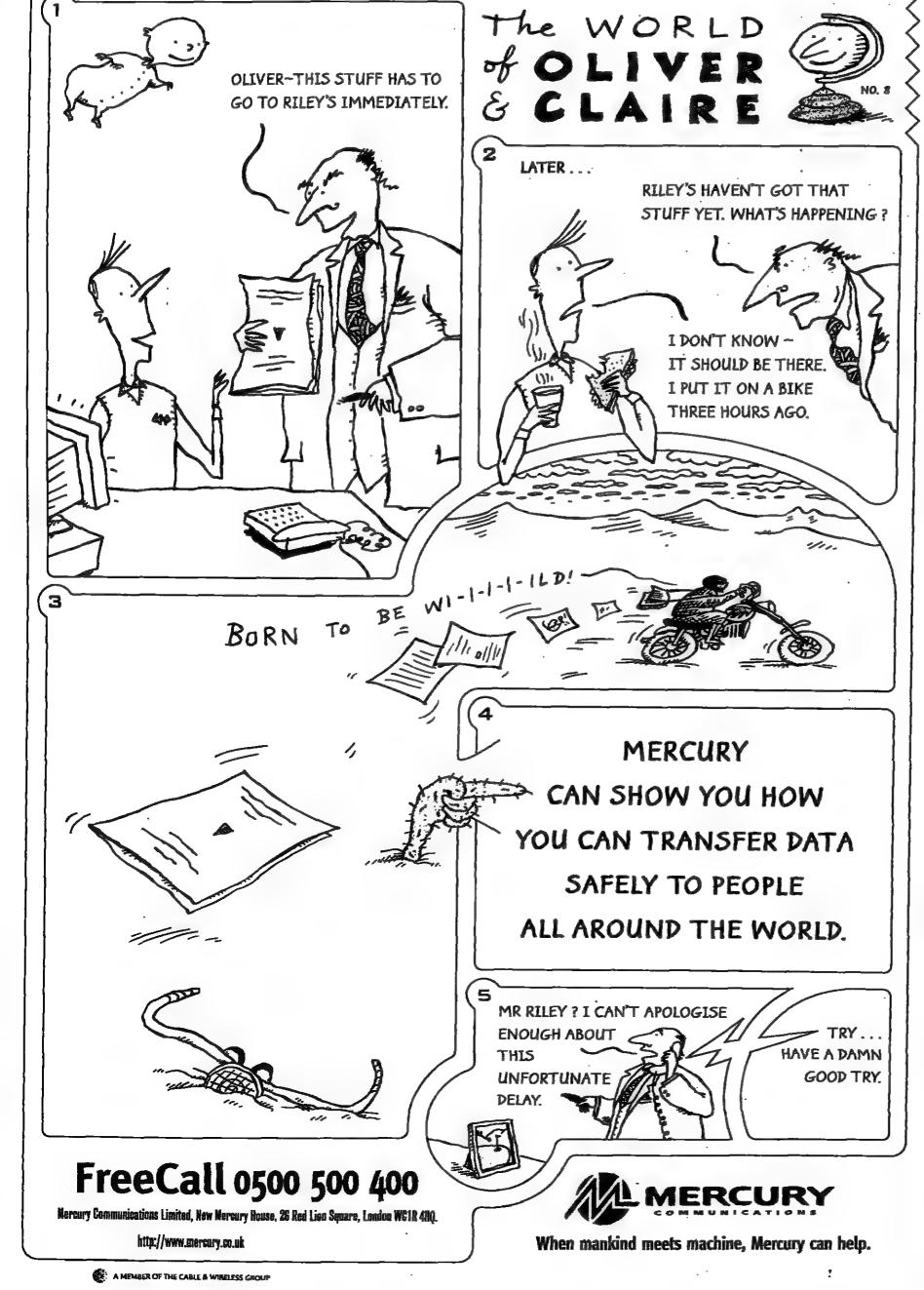
King crowns success

handsome treble in L'Aquila on Saturday, a 22-19 success in the A international over Italy going alongside victories in Scotland by the senior and student teams (David Hands writes). Yet the Italians, stiffened by the presence of eight capped players — and by memories of their rousing win over Scotland in January -

forced them all the way. Indeed, had Scanavacca converted a late penalty, Italy could have earned a draw, although Peter Rossborough, the England manager, regretted his team's inability to take all its opportunities.

Troncon, the experienced Italy scrum half, rivalled Alex King, who scored 17 points for

England, as man of the match Andy Gomarsall, the Wasps scrum half, was in lively form. too, and capitalised with En-gland's try from a tapped



Prop in danger of suspension after Murrayfield victory built on strength of Richards

Leonard blow mars England's achievement

England .

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND'S pleasure at halting Scotland's charge towards a fourth grand slam at Murrayfield on Saturday was soured yesterday: Jason Leonard, the Harlequins prop, has been cited by the Scottish Rugby Football Union (SRFU) for punching Rob Wainwright and the complaint will be referred to Jacky Laurans, of France the independent match

commissioner.

There have already been two suspensions on video evidence this season, one selfinflicted by France on Richard Dourthe, the other by the match commissioner at the France v Ireland game which resulted in a ban for Peter Clohessy, of Ireland, Therefore, Leonard stands in danger of a punishment that would keep him out of England's final five nations' championship match, against Ireland on March 16.



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REMAINING MATCHES: Merch 16: Eng-land v kelend, Wales v France.

A Rugby Football Union (RFU) spokesman said that there had been no opportunity to study the video and no indication of any complaint had arisen immediately after the match: but the incident, midway through the first half, was captured on camera and left Wainwright, the Scotland with much of the team organisation passing to Gregor Townsend, the vice-captain,

and Ian Smith. Wainwright had no comment to make yesterday but Jim Telfer, the team manager and Allan Hosie, the SRFU laws convener, felt obliged to act after seeing the video. It is unlikely that any decision will be taken until midweek, by which time the RFU and Laurans will also have seen the evidence.

Whatever the outcome, the gilt has been removed from England's gingerbread. though the challenge implicit in their success remains. Will they be content to try to grasp a triple crown or will they try to retain the championship by scoring as many points as possible against Ireland at Twickenham?

If it is the latter, then even England cannot rely on Paul Grayson to kick enough penalscore tries by playing the positive rugby that has been Scotland's trade mark this season - until England, in general, and Dean Richards, n particular, squeezed the life from their ambition.

France must now be favoured to win the title thanks to the points that they scored against Ireland. They will take an advantage of 33 into their meeting in Cardiff with Wales while England have a more modest 12 Victory for either side, in yet another fascinating denouement to the championship, will leave Scotland bypassed, their cupboard bare.

Minutes after the game on Saturday was over, Wainwright apologised to the Scottish nation for his team's failure. He had no need. His players had already achieved far more than most had predicted and in a manner that brought more than just the Scots to their feet.

However, in years to come, Scottish mothers may warn their recalcitrant children that, if they do not behave at play, "Deano will take your ball away and you will never get it back. Richards, never on a losing side against Scotland, has become their bogyman and his pleasure at England's victory in the Royal Bank international was apparent, even in that unemotional man.

All this season, Richards because that is the way he is at what he believes to be England's departure from their traditional strengths. England lost at Murrayfield, he would have been the most convenient of scapegoats; instead, he brought shape and cohesion to his team and though, with two minutes remaining, he limped off with a twisted knee, he is

Will this game, though, prove the catharsis that England need to purge themselves of the doubts that have hung over the season and send them out, reinvigorated, against Ireland? In 1988, they won a mess of a match 9-6 at Murrayfield which paved the way for a 35-3, six-try demolition of Ireland; this time; the prize of the championship is greater, the

not expected to miss the game

with Ireland.

team more experienced. If that is to happen again, backs. "I would like Jerry Guscott's contract, he doesn't seem to do much for his money," David Johnston muttered ill-advisedly at the postmatch conference. The disappointment felt by Johnston. a creative centre himself and now coach to the Scotland backs, is understandable after 80 minutes of stifling rugby when one side would not play a fluent game and the other side could not.

Yet the more experienced Telfer knew exactly what to expect and wisely forbore to become involved in recriminations. Instead, he concentrated on his own team's deficiencies.
"A number of our players showed a fair amount of inexperience," he said."

Though it took some time to gain full working order, the Scotland lineout worked efficiently enough to establish a 25-18 advantage, but either they kept ball in hand against



Redpath, the Scotland scrum half, aims for touch despite the concerted efforts of Leonard, second right, and Regan to charge down his kick. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Townsend's kicking was inconsistent. Only once did Townsend, freed by Smith's unexpected lineout win from an England throw, tear aside the defensive screen.

Grayson's four penalty goals to one by Dods gave England their interval lead, but Dods immediately nibbled another kick and Scotland tried to step up the pace. Had Townsend, or Smith - unseen at his elbow — scored, the game might have been turned on its head. Instead, the only thing turned over was posses-sion, in the tackle, which is the very area on which Scotland base their game.

That is our lifeblood," Telfer said, "on which we have built our fluid game this season." England cut the lifeline. Such was the force of ards and Co gobbled it up. Scotland were left to play 70 or 80 metres from the England line and under intense pressure "England," Telfer sug-gested, "played on the flat foot rather than the front foot." It was that flat foot, as worn by England's policeman, that stamped out Scotland's grand-

SCORSRS: Scotland; Penalty goals; Dods (3), England; Penalty goals; Gray-DOOS 19). Engages to Continue (Meiross); C A. Johns (Metross), S Hastings (Watsomans), I C Jardine (Stafing County), M Dods (Northampton); G P J Townsend (Northampton), E W Redpath (Metross), DT W Hilton (Beth), K D McKende (String County), P H Wingh (Scroughman), S J Walnewight (Watsomers, captan), S J

only desirable with flair ...

This is poppycock. Victory is

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expectation and pressure. We

cannot, whether we are Scots

or English, New Zealanders or

Australians, expect mortal players to exhibit under such

circumstances the aspirations

or ideals of Greek gods and

philosophers. They have to

rise for breakfast and face

tomorrow like the rest of us.

This is the world, for better

Professionals in the business of winning

mate what victory over Scotland at Murrayfield will mean to this England team. It is not merely the fact of winning, but what preceded it, in terms of Scotland's achievements and the apparent discontent that has surrounded England's efforts for much of this season.

I do not think that they, as a group, ever lost their sense of belief in what they are trying to do, and, for that, Will Carling must take a lot of credit; but the consequences of defeat would have been significant. One or two of the older players were looking down the barrel, and Jack Rowell would have been under enorhave been calls for change more people leaping onto the bandwagon of criticism for the management, whereas now, so many young players, individually and as part of a group, have been immersed in

and will be the better for it. I arrived in Edinburgh on Friday evening and sensed a feeling of inevitability that Scotland would achieve the grand slam. I doubt very much if Jim Telfer or his team felt that, but their country and supporters may have done. Nothing motivates opponents more, or creates a greater burden for the team perceived

In the England hotel on Saturday morning, the players were focused and Dean Richards was on edge. He was aware of the circumstances in which he had returned to the team, trying to play down the role awarded to him as England's saviour, but Rob Andrew says England have every reason to feel

euphoric over a job well done

he was the right man for the

What more can you say about Richards? He is unique. You could tell from the first minute that he was going to dominate the game, and everything he did allowed the others to get on and play their ame. It was like watching Leicester - Richards and Martin Johnson ran the show, they controlled possession.

That is exactly what is critics who carp at the way that England played, but the players have every right to be euphoric at the completion of a professional job, playing to their strengths and denying the opposition the chance to play to theirs.

English rugby will have to come to terms with the entertainment factor, but it will only come over a period of time, not merely because, seven months ago, the game was declared professional. It

lem, not just at international level, but the domestic game is improving: ball-skills generally are better, forwards are more athletic, but it is a constant evolution.

The way that the game is played must remain at the top of the agenda, but that is no justification for ignoring historical strengths. Just because England have had to throw off the hangover created by a dreadful six minutes against New Zealand during the World Cup semi-final last year, does not mean that we should all try to play basketball on the international field.

Psychologically, England were right. To attain the lead, if only by the odd point, was

Simon Hodgkinson and Jonathan Webb gave us a cushion a few years ago, and although Grayson could not push home England's superiority in the second half, they were able to complete the business.

If Scotland's attempt to increase the pace just after the interval had been rewarded on the scoreboard, their players and the crowd would have been lifted, but they were forced to turn over significant amounts of possession. They were denied continuity and forced to play in their own territory. In many ways, they have been the team of the championship, and now they may end up with nothing

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an inspired defence or Scots find defeat hard to take

nly the reduction of rughy union to a 13-a-side game, abolishing flankers so as to have a six-man pack, can end the kind of frustration and controversy surrounding England's victory at Murrayfield. You want open play? Remove some armour plating.

While Jim Telfer, the Scotland manager. Rob Wainwright, their captain, and Gregor Townsend, their outstanding fly-half, disappointedly but generously acknowledged England's worthy victory by legitimate means, many of their followers sought to hide their remorse behind condemnation of England's defensive tactics. Empty consolation. Frank Bruno may as well complain about Mike Tyson punching too hard.

The wail of hypocrisy from distraught Scottish supporters that engulfed Murrayfield at the finish could be heard at Hadrian's Wall and beyond. If the Scots had led themselves to believe that they were on the brink of another Bannockburn, only to encounter an England team controversially celebrating the 250th anniversary of Culloden next month. they have only themselves to blame for the depth of their

disillusionment. All around, from tartan public to the majority of saltire press to sections of the Scotland bench, you could hear protests that England's rugged, stifling forward play.

David Miller argues that expectation

clouds judgment on a team's failure

built around the massive performance of Dean Richards. had ruined the match and was ruining the future of the game. The truth was merely that it had ruined the Scots' presumptive euphoria.

That is the price of placing the emotional health of the nation on the shoulders of a rugby pack; of over-estimating the capabilities of a developing new team on the strength of three victories, two against average opposition.

This was, after all, just a rugby match. Scottish supporters should have buried their fallen expectations, gathered up their injured optimism and stolen quietly away to prepare for another day.

Instead, there was the sound of David Johnston, their backs coach, and the Scottish press taunting Jack Rowell, the England manager, with accusations of not playing a running. adventurous game.

Johnston sourly alleged that Guscott "doesn't seem to do much for his money", while Telfer was cajoled into saying that England's possession wasn't as sweet as you would have wanted". So what? The rational editorial in The

Scotsman on Saturday had

stated: "In unguarded mo-

ments, we say we want to win

with style ... [that] winning is

ngland did what they had to do, what Scotland would have done had they been able. It is the International Rugby Football Board that has the broader, detached, intellectual responsibility for the future of a now professional game, and its

appeal to the paying public

and future generations of

young players. It is the board

that must find the structural

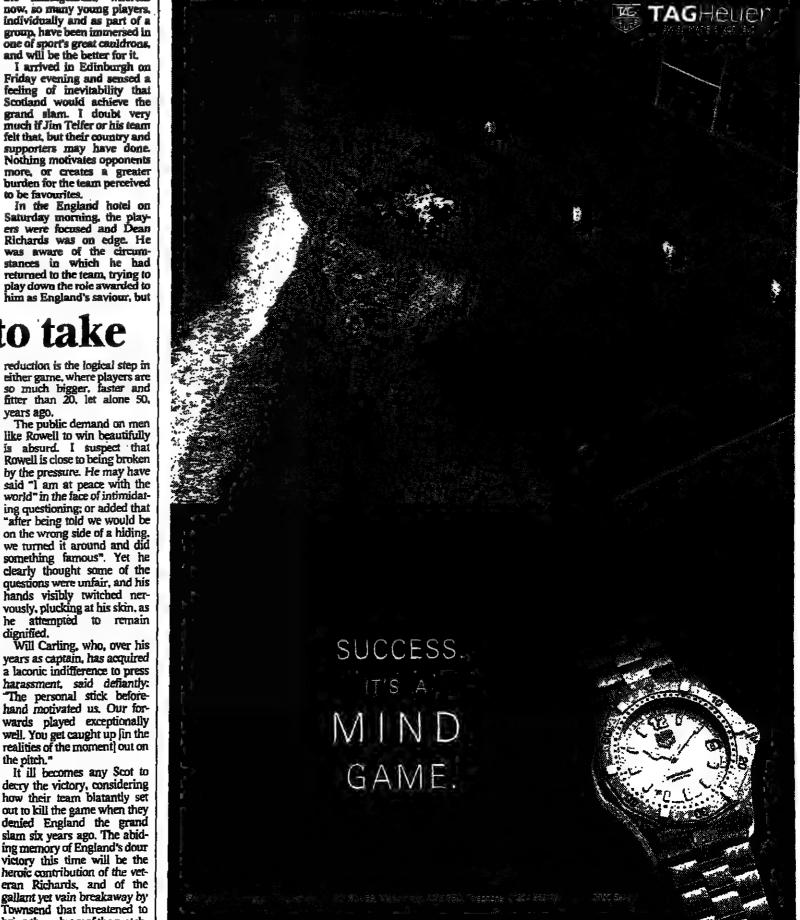
formation that will assist this. The 15-man game is not written in the Ten Commandments. The late, wise Bob Paisley, contemplating the similar frustration in football, advocated no change in the laws, simply a reduction to teams of ten players. Such bring the only try of the match.

reduction is the logical step in either game, where players are so much bigger, faster and fitter than 20, let alone 50,

years ago. The public demand on men like Rowell to win beautifully is absurd. I suspect that Rowell is close to being broken by the pressure. He may have said "I am at peace with the world" in the face of intimidating questioning; or added that "after being told we would be on the wrong side of a hiding. we turned it around and did something famous". Yet he clearly thought some of the questions were unfair, and his hands visibly twitched nervously, plucking at his skin, as he attempted to remain dignified.

Will Carling, who, over his years as captain, has acquired a laconic indifference to press harassment, said defiantly: The personal stick beforehand motivated us. Our forwards played exceptionally well. You get caught up fin the realities of the moment out on the pitch."

It ill becomes any Scot to decry the victory, considering how their team blatantly set out to kill the game when they denied England the grand slam six years ago. The abiding memory of England's dour victory this time will be the heroic contribution of the veteran Richards, and of the gallant yet vain breakaway by Townsend that threatened to



Simple dressing that flies in the face of temptation

known to God and man and a few possibly not known to either, but, when March comes and a new trout season begins, I take the minimalist approach. I know that three simple dressings will meet most of my needs, and it is on these that my effort

goes.
This is not to deny the fascinations of the fly-dresser's art or to suggest that other patterns sometimes are not useful. Imitative fly design is one of angling's highest skills and I have spent years trying to improve my own. Mayflies will always be needed on mayfly waters, daddy-longlegs will often come in handy for drawing up fish in lakes on summer days.

always including something in red — can also be essential on lakes, not least because there is no current on a lake to take the fly to the fish and so visibility must be considered as a means of attracting the fish to the fly.

But, beyond that, all the dry flies I carry can be contained in a couple of plastic tubs that film comes in. One of them contains little brown jobs, the other contains little black jobs and, on rivers, I would feel well-armed with these alone.

For all the apparent handicaps of such an approach. consider, as always, the fish. It is lying some way below the surface, looking up. It recognises most flies by the tiny pinpoints of light where the insect's feet or body touch the

big these pinpoint patterns are: they are similar in size to ery natural fly it has ever seen. These sizes — the occassional oddity excepted are much of a muchness and can be imitated on hook sizes

The fish also knows what colour natural flies are because the range is so limited. An unalarmed trout that is feeding at the surface does not agonise over every fly it takes. If it did, the hatch would be over and the fish would be one day nearer to death by starvation. If the feeding fish see something of familiar size and colour and it has not been alarmed, there is a chance it

Brian Clarke says there is no need to cast around as a new trout season begins

cally, are brown.

the minute and infuriating smuts to the black gnats. A plain black fly imitates these in all essentials in sizes 18 and 16. There is only one large black fly and that is the Hawthorn. The Hawthorn fly - it is a terrestrial insect that gets blown onto the water appears from the middle of April to the middle of May. Then, the same dressing as above, on size 14 and even size 12, will do the job.

The other common fly which the trout take off the

use the sedge pattern when olives are on the water because the fish seem untroubled by the difference. And the sedge floars longer than an olive dressing would.

There is an important point of a newly-hatched olive is a about the way these first two flies are fished. Mostly, I drab green. The sedges, typi-I have not found trout would dunk my dry flies in flotant and chuck them out so feeding on hatching olives to that they float high and dry on be overly fussy about pattern - at least on rivers. The olives the top. There are times, however, when it is necessary often hatch in vast numbers to fish them not on the surface and trout feeding on them seem programmed to respond film, but in it. The fish indicate these times, by not to light pattern alone. Nor, as a rule, have I found trout taking. Then I grease only the feeding on sedges to be overly-concerned about patterns. top and back of the fly so that it settles well down into the surface before stopping. And so I use a sedge pattern with a green-brown seal's fur Takes to dry flies right on top can be splashy affairs. Takes body to imitate the sedges and

- presumably because the fish takes as though eating a

dead or dying fly.

There is another, quite distinct dressing in my tub for line brown jobs. It imitates the oliver spinners. Most oliver spinners have sherrybrown bodies and clear wings that lie flat on the water, out to either side. Being clear, these wings allow light to pass through them from above, and so the brownish body of the fly and the pools of light transmitted by the wings are visible to the trout below.

The light pattern the natural spinner makes is very different to the pattern created by my artificial sedge and so I carry a specific dressing to imitate it. The tails are conventional, the body is made

sedge, tied slimly, and the wings are made from a single, narrow slip of polythene cut from a kitchen bag. This slip is tied in the middle across the hookshank just behind the eye that is a dead-ringer for the natural insect. A tiny nick at the base of each wing will stop

the fly spinning during the cast and kinking the leader. This fly lies naturally flush in the surface film and the rise to it, as to the natural spinner, is a subliminal sip. It completes, when accurately cast, a deadly trio that will see many a season through.

Brian Clarke's fishing column appears on the first Monday of each month.

Surprise success for North Yorkshire at cross country championships

New peak for Giggleswick fell runners

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE number of young people running cross country is diminishing, according to Bob Ashwood, the Great Britain team coach. If only there were more breeding grounds like Giggleswick School.

Giggleswick is a small mixed boarding school on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales national park, where hockey and rugby are the main sports, but where cross country is pushing itself forward. "It is the school's most successful sport in terms of county representation." Alastair Scholey, the master in charge of cross country, said.

If they are giggling at Giggleswick today, why not?



Charlotte Sanderson, one of its pupils, played a vital part in a momentous North Yorkshire victory at the TSB English Schools championships in Weymouth on Saturday. Nobody could remember North Yorkshire winning a team title

Sanderson was twelfth among 296 runners in the senior girls' race. Her prominence was as much a surprise as the second place secured by Victoria Wilkinson. With Karen Duke sixth, North

Yorkshire won by 132 points. We did not expect to finish in the top three," Gwen Taylor Hall, the North Yorkshire team manager, said. Now. Sanderson can only inspire others at Giggleswick, which, from a squad of only 26 runners, provided more of the North Yorkshire squad than any other school.

A first for Giggleswick and a first for the fire brigade.



Brindle, a leading mountain biker, makes good strides in the English Schools cross country championships. Photograph: André Camara

being called to a cross country course? It happened when the water supply for the toilets and showers ran low and the hoses were needed. The course could have done with some

Weymouth offered a flat course, not a Giggleswick course. "Most of the training is done on the surrounding fells, including runs over the Three Peaks, Scholey said. They all choose to do it. Nobody is bullied into it." Sanderson is inspired by the scenery. "It is another world up in the hills, brilliant," she

The group goes out three times a week. "Typically, most

Whoever heard of firefighters of these runs finish with tea and carrot cake at a local café," Scholey said. "The nearest tartan track is more than 30 miles away and the school's grass track spends two terms as a rugby or soccer

> Sanderson said: "One of the reasons we do well is because we have fun." Matthew Brindle cannot resist Giggleswick's cross country charms, though mountain biking is his main sport. He is among the leading young mountain bikers in the north of England, but his cross country is earch-

Brindle was aiming for a

finish in the top 100 this time. He came 68th on a course that was "a bit flat for me". His sights are fixed on making the British junior fell running team this year.

The richness of the English Schools mixture it its blend of champions and triers. Kairn Stone, from Devon, and Amy Waterlow, from Cheshire, won the senior titles and were as capable of articulating their comments as they were in seeing off the opposition. Waterlow had the option to

compete in the British trials for the world championships yesterday, but, torn between After placing 205th in the the two, opted for Weymouth. senior boys' race last year. "People remember who won low said. "It stays with you for South Yorkshire, Idris Ahmed a long time."

Stone, whose oft lin frame looks impressive in flight, seized his opportunity when, circled by reporters, he complained that his local council had rejected proposals for a new track in Torquay. He does not mind his "kind of weird name" — his siblings are Kolvin and Kadie - but he does object to his nearest track

being in Exeter. Among the triers was Sarah Dugdale, of North Yorkshire. eleventh in the intermediate girls' race. On Friday, she was at the dentist having an abscess removed, with nothing to relieve the pain in case she was called for a drugs test. For

was seventh in the intermediate boys' event after losing a shoe early on.

Jackie Hogan, of North Yorkshire, looked glum after finishing fifth among the intermediate girls, but how she smiled when told that Kelly Holmes had filled that position the last time the championships were in Weymouth.

If there was a disappointment, it was the failure of Martina Navratilova to line up with the intermediate girls. as per the programme, for Dorset. "She did not want to run," Caroline Lewis, the Dorset team manager, said - and she used to be so good on

built in Plymouth by a team

led by Gary Venning, who has

a number of top racing hulls behind him, including the former Whitbread maxi

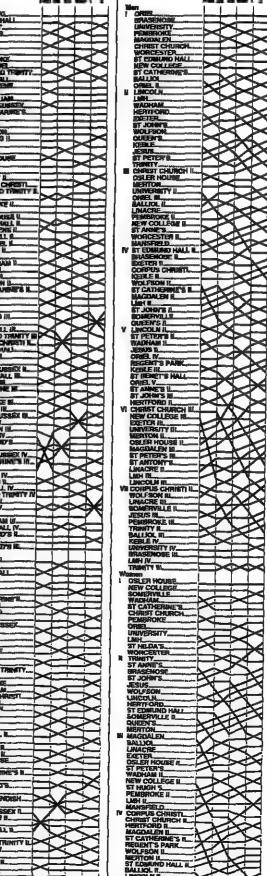
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Downing remain in charge

DOWNING rowed over to complete a hat-trick at the head of the men's divisions in the Cambridge University Lent rowing races. Christ's were within four feet of Downing's stern when caught by Caius at the Railings. Ist and 3rd Trinity won their oars when they toppled Lady Margaret at Moriey's Holt with their fourth bump of the week. Trinity Hall held off Emmanuel to claim their first women's headship.

Oriel and Osler keep headships ORIEL and Osler House re-

tained the headships of the men's and women's first divi sions of the Oxford University Torpids, which ended on Saturday. Brasenose, on Wednesday and Thursday, and Pembroke, on the last two days, never got close enough to mount a serious challenge to Oriel, and Osler finished well clear of New College, St Catherine's moved up to second place after making three



Freak blow rules out Gourlay

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

DAVID GOURLAY Jr. the recently crowned world indoor bowls champion, has had to withdraw from the British Isles indoor championships in Auchinleck today after being injured in vesterday's Scottish League Cup final at Glasgow's West of Scotland Indoor Bowls club. In a thrilling final, Gourlay's Prestwick team fied with Turriff, 89-89, at close of play, but collected 11 shots to three on the extra end to win.

Early in the match a brilliant delivery from the 29year-old Gourlay was greeted by his team-mates with such abandoned delight that his right arm was badly twisted in the football-style skirmish. I managed to spring the jacks to make four shots." Gourlay said. "then I was

mobbed by my rink, and I

think it must have been Gavin

Campbell, my No 3, who wrenched my arm in his His arm in a sling, Gourlay was on painkillers last night and had arranged for Robert McCulloch, the former Scotland captain, to take his place in the Prestwick quartet for the British Isles fours

Goss prepares to make a small advance

Imer Royal Marine, does not brag about his ability to endure hardship or his determination to succeed. It is only the odd phrase in his enthusiastic explanation of his mission that gives an inkling

of his attitude and capabilities. The Vendee Globe non-stop round-the-world race is the most gruelling of single-handed yachting challenges. Goss, once a member of the elite Commacchio company in the Marines, on permanent alert for oil-rig hijacks, speaks of it as "not a series of battles, but a

On a shoestring budget, this former British Steel Challenge skipper, who once slept on deck all the way across the Atlantic during a single-hand-ed race, has thrown himself into an audacious attempt to try to wrest the Vendee Globe from the French. They have won it both times it has been staged and have long-since taken over from the British as the leading exponents of solo offshore sailing.

The Goss approach is daring and unconventional. While most of the 15 or so competitors who will muster at the start line at Les Sables d'Olonne north of La Rochelle, in November will do so in the biggest boats allowed under the rules - 60ft - Goss has opted for a 50ft craft, the shortest length permitted.

ike many tough individ-uals, Pete Goss, a for-around £350,000, compared to French budgets of up to £2 million. More important is the very large discrepancy in weight over the two sizes. While a 60ft boat might weigh in at around 9 tons, Goss's 50ft monohull, Aqua Quorum, will be just 4.5 to 5 tons, a reflection of its much smaller volume. Goss hopes his vacht will be faster in many conditions and also easier to sail at its optimum performance over long periods because it re-

> the larger boats. Goss and the designer, Adrian Thompson, have dispensed with the water ballast that will

> quires a smaller sail area than

Edward Gorman meets a former Marine ready for

the English Schools," Water-

feature on most Vendee Globe yachts and have opted for a hydraulically-controlled swing keel complemented by dagger boards, which are usually associated with mul-

war with France

Extraordinary care has been taken to save weight. The hull is being constructed from a light but tough airex foam core with laminates of keylar and

Goss oversees the construction of his remarkable round-the-world yacht in Plymouth

carbon. There will be no roller furling system on the two headsails and no permanent bowsprit. Upwind, a spinna-ker pole will take its place. Even the weight of Goss's personal possessions and food for the four-and-a-half month journey have been taken into

account in the design.

Although the budget is small the project has a win-ning feel about it. Apart from the main sponsor, Aqua Quorum, Goss's backers include BT. Caltel Communications and 3M, but he still needs another £150,000, despite having sold his house. Aqua Quorum, which will launched in April, is being

going to take them on and win." e acknowledged that some will view his cism because of the unusual design and limited funding.

What we're trying to do is completely off the wall to a lot of people. I'm sure some of them in the sailing community will just laugh at us but we are going to give it a shot. We have enough confidence to bite the bullet and go for it," he said.
It is a view shared by the

> this, but you've got to do it," Ventuing said.
> "If you just stick to the boring old ways, you're not going to develop at all."

It's a bit of a gamble [

suppose, doing something like

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hull Sebago. The keel has been designed by Martin Smyth, who designed the nose section of Concorde, while Thompson has a long pedigree in innovative offshore racing and multihull, design. Goss's enthusiasm for what is the realisation of nearly ten years of planningcomes across loud and clear. "We're up against the world's best from SNOW REPORTS our little shed in Cornwall." he said. The French don't own single-handed sailing. We're Piste Off/p resort ANDORRA 110 240 powder powder good snow (Very good slung with new snow on hara base) 30 125 powder powder good snow (Blazard conditions at altitude, outlook excellent) 65 100 good powder good sum (Excellent skung on tresh snow; pistes uncrowded) cloud 14 whole team working with him.

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Nicholson places Festival confidence in Johnson

By Richard Evans, racing journalist of the year

THE remarkable success of Richard Johnson as the most promising young jockey of the year was put into splendid context yesterday by David Nicholson - with words backed up by action.

"He's only 18," the champion jumps trainer said "but I think Peter Scudamore, Richard Dunwoody and Adrian Maguire would have been delighted to have been riding

as well at that age."

Nicholson should know.

During the 1980s and 1990s the three illustrious riders have served as stable jockey to "the Duke" and gone on to claim most of National Hunt's prized races.

With Maguire now ruled out of next week's Cheltenham Festival with a fractured collar-bone, Nicholson had no hesitation in putting his young conditional jockey on several of the stable stars at Jackdaws Castle, despite his relative lack of experience. "Richard could have nine or ten rides for me at

Cheltenham," he disclosed. Such confidence in the teenager, who rode his first winner little more than a year ago, is shared by Noel Chance, trainer of Mr Mulligan, the hot favourite for the Sun Alliance Chase. Despite receiving apsenting the top jockeys in the ring with Richard Johnson I and Baronet at Nottingham. land, the Lambourn trainer has not entertained replacing Johnson on his impressive eight-year-old chestnut.

Since moving from Ireland to Berkshire, Chance has used Johnson when available and from the moment he partnered his first runner. Monty Royale, to a 10-1 success at Market Rasen last June the partnership has gone from

strength to strength. Chance paid his tribute: He's cool and always has his horse in the right place during a race, which is a talent in itself. He has never once got beaten on a horse that he should have won on and he's won a couple he had no right can talk about the weather. You don't have to draw a map for him."

Johnson is certainly bred for the job in hand. His father, Keith, who farms in Herefordshire, won the Midlands Grand National in 1982 on Bridge Ash, trained by his grandfather, Ivor, against whom Nicholson used to ride.

"He's from a smashing farming family and came to me as a schoolboy aged 16," Nicholson recalled. "He's always had talent and he works very hard at it and listens to what you tell him.

"If you tell him to jump the second last upside he does it, as he showed twice last week to win. When I walk into the on Miss Optimist at Wetherby

Sound Man impresses

SOUND MAN looked to Plagship, in the Queen Moth-have booked his Cheltenham er Two-Mile Champion ticket after satisfactorily coming through a post-racing workout at Leopardstown yesterday (Our Irish Racing

Correspondent writes). The centre of an injury scare last week, Sound Man impressed in a gallop with his stable companion, Ventana Chase. Despite receiving approaches from agents represent the new favourite, Viking days of Cheltenham.

Paul Carberry, who com-pleted a double on Persian Halo and Northern Hide at vesterday's fixture, is considering an appeal against the whip suspension incurred aboard Zamhareer at Doncaster on Saturday, which would rule him out of the first two

Or if you tell him to come to the last a length down, he'll do it as he did with Hatta Breeze at Newbury on Friday.*

Nicholson is convinced the decision to delay Johnson turning professional until November so he could ride in the amateur races on the Flat during the summer has been responsible for the dramatic strides made this term.

"Everybody was telling him to turn professional but I said 'no.' He rode in the amateur races during the summer, won the Bollinger trophy, and he improved out all recognition. At the time he didn't like the cision, but he now freely admits it was the best thing he ever did," Nicholson said.

The honing of a potential future champion could have one perverse consequence for Nicholson. Before Maguire was injured, Nicholson readiagreed to Johnson riding Mr Mulligan for Chance at Cheltenham rather than retaining him to ride one of his Sun Alliance Chase candi-

Should Mr Mulligan Justify favouritism and defeat the likes of Hill Of Tullow, Call It A Day or King Lucifer, the irony will not be lost on Nicholson or his young jockey.

more telling argu-ment for a trainer's

presence on the Brit-

ish Horseracing Board (BHB) than the publication of the Jockey Club instruction

HI4, it would be hard to

This misbegotten piece of legislation signals the final transfer of power in the

administration from practical

racing men to the technocrats

In a nutshell, H14 places

the burden of reporting "any-thing that may have adverse-

ly affected the performance in

squarely upon the trainer. There follows a list of 12

possible examples which should be reported, followed

by a catch-all clause — "this

list is not exhaustive" and any

Well, exhaustive the list is

leader, but not noted for his

a race of any horse they train" ...

in the office.



Johnson retains the ride on Mr Mulligan, unbeaten in five outings this term, in the Sun Alliance Chase

more to bring racing into disrepute than the entire

training and riding profes-

Far from being a prop to make up for the apparent

incompetence of the officials

at present employed to do the

job, this regulation will con-

stitute a charter for non-triers

similar to that already mal-

Can anyone seriously

believe that a trainer, whose

horse has bled or finished

lame and escaped the notice

of the stipes, the vets and,

more importantly, the blood-

stock agents, would volun-tarily jeopardise the sale of

the horse by making its

It surely won't be long

before we have an update to

the Sid Forrell story. This oldtime trainer, having been

chided by his owner for

sending long-winded tele-grams to explain the failure

of his horses, reacted after yet another failure, by sending

When his owner demand-

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functioning in Ireland.

sions put together.

WINDSOR

3.55 DEYMIAR (nap) 4.25 What A Hand 5.00 Flippance

3.25 Celtic Town

2.50 Journeys Friend

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

Racecard number: Sou-figure form (F — fed. P — pulled up. U — unsealed inder 8 — brought form. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — decapatified). Notage: name. Days since last outing. F d flat (8 — blinkers V — vsor H — hond E — Fyestheld. C — course sinner D — distance without CD — course and distance

warmer or -- neason twouring in latest race). Going on which harse has won (F -- firm, good to firm, head G -- good S -- soil, good to soil, heavy) Owner in brackets Trainer Age and weight. Rufler plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: SOFT TOTE JACKPOT MEETING 2.20 Final Selling Handicap Hurdle (62,115; 2m of 110yd) (21 tunners)

Long handicay: Mass Pumpernel 9-11, Bengaros 9-10, Lany Poly 9-5 BETTRIG. 5-1 North Barrister, 6-1 Demoada, 7-1 Strike-A-Pose, Johnstons Buck, 8-1 its Grand 9-1 Motor Blake, 10-1 Sedom In. 12-1 other:

1985: VILLA PARK 13-10-13 Petu Hobbs (11-1) & Watchen 17 gu

FORM FOCUS

STRIKE-A-POSE 81 2nd of 12 to Espail De Ferrorie in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 44, 5oft). Holds-6 best meant after \$5544 few of 17 to held Derrorg in novice hurdle at Winscandor (2m 64, good to soft). SELDOM N 43 2nd of 8 to Rushy Vision in novice hurdle at Stratfort (2m 64 100), good to femily pertuitance state. MISTER BLAKE 201 2nd of 13 to Comm Hill in selling headlicap hurdle at Hessiand (2m 11, good) on pendilimate state, with 175 GRAMO (2m vise off) 71 3rd and REIGNENG BOYAL 13341 6th FULL

OUNTER 27% i 6th of 12 to Barney s Gift in claiming furdle at Hundhopton (2m 110yd, good to solt) on penulimnate start. NORTH BANNSTER beat DAM-CADA (1b better of) neck in 17-none selling bankeap burdle at Folkestone (2m 6i 110yd, good to solt) with ITS GRAMO (3m better of) 123 and SRI CRUSTY (11b better of) 351 Sh, LADY POLY (3t) better of) 141 8h, NAYAZ (15th better of) 21 10h and RRL QUIVER (14th better of) pulled up billions, field.

Selection: NORTH BANNISTER

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2.50 STORACALL NOVICES CHASE (52,968: 2m) (6 TUNNERS)

B43134 FERCE 19 (D.F.G.S) (P. Piper) J. Isolaes 8-11-8. J. F. Tilley (B)
G4F CHURCHTOWN PORT 40 (J. Pisched) P. Badler B-11-1. T. J. Morphy (S)
P00P PULL OF TRUCKS 20F (B) (B. White) J. Bridger B-11-1. W. McCristend —
RAF DUNNEYS FREIGH 17 (P. Winfield) N. Hendersch B-11-1. J. R. KAWARRAN
#7132/P- MY WIZARD 495 (G) (Mrs. A Brodie) J. Gillord 9-11-1. P. Hole —
O0118-0 WINSPIT 63 (F) (Mrs. 3 Purole) R. Almer 6-11-1. Mr J. Culloty (S) — BETTIME: 2-1 Pierce, 5-2 Charchboan Part, 4-1 My Witard, Journeys Frand, 10-1 Wingot, 14-1 Full Di Tricks. 1996: RED BEAN 7-11-2 A Tony (83-1) J O'Donoghue 6 no. FORM FOCUS

FERICE 71 4th of 7 to Lund Decod in novice class at Assot (2m, good to safe). CRURCHTOWN PORT det 4m of 15 to Cumentud Bella in novice heafth of Plumpton (2m 44, good to gelf) pessillinate start. JOLEONEYS FROMO about 211 6th of 15 to Ballein Twitch to novice hardle at Assot (2m 41, good) on passitimula start. MY WIZARD 19/1 2nd of 5 to Scobe Boy in nonce hardle at Actor (2m 110yd, inney) penditumus start. WIRSENT 371 10th of 18 to 19yn Eyes in conditional potanys' handscap har-dle at Wincardon (2m, good to sott).

3.25 LADBROKES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,855: 3m 4f 110yd) (7 runners) BETTENS: 9-4 Calor Touto, 2-1 Prica's Hill, 9-2 Keeno, 7-1 Shamarphil, 8-1 L'Uomo Piu, 12-1 déses

1995; LUCKY LANE 11-10-7 C Maude (13-8 tay) P-Hobbs 4 no.

FORM FOCUS

CELTIC TOWN best Damuse Collonges, '41 in 7runcer novice chains at Cutroniar (3m 2f, good).
PRICE'S HELD best Dastry Roser 158 or 18-runner
rovice hendicap chains at Fortivel Com 2f 110yd,
act), SHAMAPPHE 39 4th of 18 in Class Di
Nimelyteo in handicap chains at Chepaters (3m 2f,
SHAMAPPHE 39 4th of 19 in Class Di
chains at Humangdon (3m, good to fam).
Selection: PRICE'S HELD.

3.55 BONUSPRINT NOVICES HURDLE (DIV I: 22,040: 2m 4f) (11 runners) O ASH-MEAD RAMBLER 17 (The Saiburn Set) P Hobbs 5-11-2 ... C Maudi0200P; RUTAN 675 fairs B Waning) Mrs B Waning 6-11-2 ... E Byrnis ...
2021-32 LOTTERY TEGET 17 (St /A Parks) J Edwards 7-11-2 ... J F Taley 75
MASTER GOODENOUGH (The Mocazalars Parkersing) A Foster 5-11-2 R Farrari
P HETENENTAL 44 (his R Plannier) Mrs A Hamilton-Fairlay 5-11-2 B Above ...
249-29 WELL ARRANGED 44 (his A Hamilton) R Albarys 5-11-2 ... R Ryan (7 90
2340-30 AMARYLO 7 (S) (7 Marray) Miss C Caree 7-10-11 ... B Feder (3) 51
AMALOGUE 28 (5 140) P Mistoria 1-10-7 ... B Galagiers
022 DEVMAR 16 (T White) D Sandoiro 4-10-7 ... R Darwoody DAZZE ME 283F (Duckmarus Stat) A Barros 4-10-2 ... S Barroson'

BETTIME: 7-4 Deymin - 5-4 Well Aranged, 3-1 Lotary Ticket, 12-1 Sruppy's Boy Josh, 14-1 Ashmoad Ramblet. 16-1 Aratopas, 25-1 others. 1995: CADOUSOLD 4-10-7 R Derwoody (8-5 law) M Pape 9 mm

FORM FOCUS

ANNUELER 35 8h is Huminian Limb is Sandown MH 92 race (2m, soll) LDTTERY TICKET 111 2nd to Hooded Heek in Falserham nevice humbs (2m, 4, good), WELL ARRANSED Selection: DEYMAR (mp)

4,25 THAMES VALLEY HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,123: 3m) (10 runners)

DOTSCRAPE 16 (F.S.) (No. 1 Willers)

PAZS-1-2 BROWN WENDOOR IS BY B.D.F.G.S.) (C Aydd) Miles C Samders 16-12-7 B Pallock (S)

POUND DRECT 701 (D.S.) (J Edwards J Edwards 13-12-7 T Edwards (7) ~

ULST21- MY MELLOW MAN 227 (B.D.F.G.S.) (W Gooden) W Gooden 13-12-7 Miles S Vickery (7) 80

BPP-07- ULSWATER SOO (F.S.S.) (Pr. 1 Roberts I Barber 8-12-7 ... T Miles Russel (7) 13

UN-11 WHAT A HAND 18P (D.G.S.) (Mr. 1 Roberts I Barber 8-12-7 ... T Miles (5) 80

ZAMU-31 BOOTSCRAPE 18P (F.G.S.) (Br. 5 Advards I Barber 8-12-7 ... T Miles (7) 80

GPP-24 GNPS (MILE 17 (Mr. N Wrogheon) N Wrogheon 8-12-0 ... A Coe (7) 82

GPP-24 IND JOCET 4 (F.G.) (Bryader A Hall) N Gastler 8-12-0 ... A R Hall (7) 82

GPP-24 GND STEME 34SP (Mrs. E Martinson) (8 Smith 8-12-0 ... I Advance (7) —

1ULD-4 WHAT A TO DO 288P (D.S.) (C Smeating) C Swedeng 12-12-0 ... R Sweeting (7) 77

12-5-44 WHAT A Man 4-1 D DO 288P (D.S.) (C Smeating) C Swedeng 12-12-0 ... R Sweeting (7) 77

12-5-44 Will A Man 4-1 D DO 288P (D.S.) (C Smeating) C Swedeng 12-12-0 ... R Sweeting (7) 77 BETTING: 5-4 What A hand, 4-1 Strom Windson, 9-2 My Mellow Man, 7-1 Bootscraper, 10-1 others, 1895; NO FIZZ 9-11-13 P History (7-2) Mrs. D Grissell & Str

FORM FOCUS

GRILMAN WINDSOR II 3 and at 14 to Caltar Sount in open at Narish Tey (3m. good). MY MELLOW MAN has Besch Grown MI in 11-runner hunter chara at Warnick (3m 21, good). ULLSWATER bas Call Me Early head to 10-hunour handicap classe at Falsontium (3m 51, good). WHAT A HAND best Sull in Selection: BROWN WINDSOR

5.00 BONUSPRINT NOVICES HURDLE (DIV 11: £2,040: 2m 4f) (10 numers) SPRINT INVITICES HURBLE (UN 11: 22,040. 2TH 41) (10 TURBLES)
5 PRIST INSTANCE 19 Propin Racing) D Grissol 6-11-2. JR Kananigh 72
5-5 FUPPAINE 17 IC Rybars) N Gazalen 6-11-2. M A Fizzgarald 64
FUREST STAR 62F (Mr. A Naughtoni R Alathurs 7-11-2. S Ryan (7) —
UPPP D MANANTHA 5 (8) (Bits E Hool) Mr. E Hools 8-11-2. D Bentity —
0-PO RAMBEURG ON 10 files J Steruje (D Dreve 6-11-2. R Format —
6.3 SHERFFAMER 19 (J Waching) Mrs. L Wadhern 7-11-2. B Hoopen (3) 63
2/2-30 SILK WORD 41 (Silvand Racing Partnership) 4 Edwards 7-11-2. JF Turby 98
6-001 TUKANO 19 (Mrs. T McCoubrey) J Jendins 5-11-1 R Durberooby 44
40-30PD TURRICE 18 (Mrs. T Byrns) R Brotherion 5-10-11 B Powell 80
FLY THE EAGLE 182F (S Darby) M Managerday 4-10-7 S Curran (3) —

BETTING: 11-4 Pappance, 4-1 Sharitimar, 9-2 Forest Sar, 5-1 Sak Word, 7-1 Tuleno, 8-1 Turrel, 12-1 others 1985; NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

PRIST DISTANCE 51/ Sin of 14 to Escarteligue in novice hundle at Lingüeld (2m 110µd, hizavy).

FLIPPANCE 10Pki 5th of 14 to Sir Leonard in novice hundle at Sandown (2m 110µd, salt).

SHEWERHAR 26H/ 3rd of 14 to Septemor Risk in maides hundle at Lingüeld (2m 7l, heavy).

SILK WORD 14/1 3rd of 12 to El Rulay in novice

5.30 MARCH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,339: 2m) (11 runners)

Long handscap: What's The Joke 9-7, Coalistand 9-7 BETTRIG: 3-1 Laureswood Junier, 9-2 Stamaine, 5-1 Court Jokes, 6-1 Kelly Mac, 7-1 What's The Joke, 8-1 Kallye Chieflan, Loge, 12-1 Nessun Doro, 14-1 others.

1995; FFIANKUS 5-10-0 Chris Webb (70-1) S Mellor 10 ran FORM FOCUS

LINOS best Starmoor 131 in 20-runner selling hardle at Doncaster (2m, good) LAWNSWOOD JUNEOR 10V4 3rd of 16 to Nine 0 Three in handle at Tauratin (2m 14 good to soit) COURT JONER 124 4th of 15 to Content in Nothingham novice hardle (2m, good to soit) COURT JONER 124 4th of 15 to Content in Nothingham novice hardle (2m, good to soit) COURT JONER 124 4th of 15 to Content in Nothingham novice hardle (2m), good to soit COURT JONER 124 4th to Arche Maid in Plumpton novice hardle (2m) 4th to Arche Maid in Maid in Plumpton novice hardle (2m) 4th to Arche Maid in Plumpton novice hardle (2m) 4th to Arche Maid in Plumpton novice hardle (2m) 4th to Arche Maid in Plumpton novice hardle (2m) 4th to Arche Maid in Plumpton novice hardle (2m) 4th to Arche Maid in Plumpton novice hardle (2m) 4th to Arche Maid in Plumpton novice hardle (2m) 4th to Arche Maid in Plumpton novice hardle (2m) 4th to Arche Maid in Plumpton novice hardle (2m) 4th to Arche Maid in Plumpton novice hardle (2m) 4th to Arche Maid in Plumpton novic

COURSE SPECIALISTS Firs. 5 JOCKEYS
43 233 J.R. Kavanagh
15 200 R. Duswoody
46 19.6 M. F. Fizyuradi
33 19.2 D. Galkagher
50 18.0 J. Tidey TRAINERS Miss H Knight

Hopes increase for Parker New instruction looks wide

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

IT IS early days to be talking about national riders' championships, unless you live north of Scotch Corner. The sport's northern area has not seen a national champion for 23 years since Mabel Forrest won How Parker would have the women's title in 1973, so there is understandable excitement about the prospect of

men's event this year. Riding at the Tynedale meeting at Corbridge in Northumberland on Saturday, he began with a winner on Howayman in the conifined, but then suffered two race fall on Whatoupa.

Andrew Parker winning the

falls and a submission from the odds-on Drakewrath and Roly Prior, before Jimmy River showed that age is telling when pulled up in the men's

loved to swap places on the day with Thomas Scott, who rode the first treble of his long career. Scott, pony-tailed, ear-studded and built of the material used in Hadrian's Wall, won the open on Bow Handy Man, added to that score on Javanddoubleu and Overstep and walked away from a last-

Parker was philosophical about his misfortune and took heart that his nearest rival. Paul Hacking, could manage just one victory, on Celtic Spark, at Parham.

Hacking moved to six win-ners, five behind Parker, while Alastair Crow maintained a steady course with a double at the Sir WW Wynn's fixture on Korbell and Scally Muire.

Alison Dare continued her good start to the season with a treble at that meeting, but Polly Curling was concussed after Strong Tarquin fell at the Beaufort.

TO RESULT STROM EIGHT MERTINGS.

BEAUFORT (Didmanon): Hunt: 1, Desert Wetz (D Alors-Hunkey, 2-5 bay), Inter 1: 1, Caldands Word (J P Keen, 20-1) Inter It:1, French Pleasure (P Hower, 6-1), Open: 1, Lewesdon Hill (T Mitchell, 8-1) tay), Ladles, 1, Fiel ad Oats (Mas P Gundry, 2-5 lev) 13 ran Mon I: 1. Count Behös (F Crew, 4-1; Mon II: 1. Sewcley Boy (Mass P Gundry, 9-1) Rest: 1, Celling Wild (T Milchell, 2-1 ;I-tav)

Mitchell, 2-1 (I-lav)
CHIDDINGFOLD, LECONFIELD & COWDRAY (Parham) Hunt: 1, Pm's Pride (I
Hills, 8-1) Comfined 1, Little Martine (A
Wolch, 11-4) Rest, 1, Murberry (I Hills, 31) Ladies 1, Clover Corn (Miss J Grant, 92). Open 1, Ceitor Spark (P Hecking, 5-4
lav) 1, Local Marror (H Dumlop, 5-2 lav). lan) 1, Local Marior (F Durliop, 5-2 mv).

EAST DEVON (Civis SI Mary): Hunt 1,
Nearly Spiencid (T Greed, 1-4 fav) Open:
1, Chilipour (N Harris, 2-9 lav). Confined:
1, Qualitar Memory LJ Tizzard. Evens fav)
Lacises 1, Pher Too Touchy (Mess R
Francis, 4-7 fav). Rest (1, Just Beri (Mes J
Cumings, 4-1 (t-lav). Rest (1, The Pediar
(T Greed, 12-1). Midn. (Dv. 1 parl (t): 1,
Belmount Beauty (N Mitchell, 16-1). Midn.

2.10 Goldwyn. 2.40 Rimouski, 3.15 Super Tactics. 3.45 Mr Kermit. 4.15 Mount Serrath, 4.50 Frys No

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 BACKGAMMON.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Beaumont.

2.10 BULL INFORMATION SYSTEMS NOVICES

HURDLE (£3,151, 2m) (16 numers)

19-11 Backgammon, 5-1 Goldwyn, 7-1 Trisquare, 8-1 Beaumont, 10-1 King Curalt, 12-1 King - Folioge, 12-1 Rising Man, 10-1 others.

2.40 BULL INFORMATION SYSTEMS HANDICAP

. (Div I pert II): 1, Stalbndge Gold (B Deon. 6-4), Nidn II: 1; Venn Boy (J Tizzard, 6-1). B-4). Mich III: 1: Yearn Boy Li Tuzard, 6-1).

SIR W W WYNN'S (Eston Hait): Hunt: 1,
Ambross (W Risson, 4-5 tay). Open Mich II: 1. Yearn S. 5-1).

Open Mich III: 1, Mr Bobbs (R Burton, 5-1).

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Open, 1, Sosily Mutre (A Crow, 2-5 tay).

Luciae: 1, Sleptren Per (Miss A Dare, 4-6 tay). Rest: 1, Rip Van Winke (Miss A Dare, 4-6 tay). Fleet: 1, Rip Van Winke (Miss A Dare, 4-6 tay). Fleet: 1, The Kmbler (Miss S Young, 7-1). Lacides: 1, Oriental Pume (Miss M Hand, 2-5 tay). Open: 1, Califc Sport (R White, 4-1)

Open Mich (Div II: 1, Erme Rose (R Nuthel).

4-5 tay). Open Mich III: 1, Ross is Revenge (U Jones, 14-1). Open Mich III: 1, Ross is Revenge (U Jones, 14-1). Open Mich III: 1, Bastinu Chance (J Young, 4-1).

SIS

Confined: 1, Castie Typert (P Atlenson, 5-1). Open: 1, Mehana (D Costell: 3-1); Ladler: 1, Final Hope (Mas F Nescham, Evens Isty). Inter: 1, Fern. Leader (C Wiscon, 6-1). Open Mich. 1, Sergent Kay (W Burnell, 10-1). Open Mich. It. 1, Debutte Design (F Stages).

PRINTARY PRIVAY (R. EDWERDS, 4-1).

SUFFOLK (Ampton): Hunt 1, Old Dundek (N. King, 2-1). Confined: 1, Dunboy Cestie (Miss G Chown, 8-1). Ladies, 1, St. Gragory (Mrs. L. Gibbon, 7-4). Open. 1, Copper Thistie (P Talano, 1-2 Jav). Rest. 1, Sathon Parme (P Talano, 7-4 lav). Open Mdn I. 1, No Culting (N. Bloom, 5-1). Open Mdn II. 1, Opus Winwood (A. Martin, 14-1).

(7-1) Lacree: 1, Orierras Plume (Mrs M Hand, 2-6 Isv). Open: 1, Catic Sport (R White, 3-4). Inter-1, halcore 8 Dowrics, 4-5 Isv). Rest: 1, Mondon (R White, 4-1). Open Midn (Ibv) 1: 1, Erme Rose (R Nuttes, 4-5 Isv). Open Midn II: 1, Rosa's Revenge (D Jones: 14-1). Open Midn II: 1. Rosa's Revenge (D Jones: 14-1). Open Midn III: 1. Baldhu Chance (J Young, 4-1).

SOUTH DURHAM (Great Stanton): Hunt: 1, Trop Your Trigger (Mrs S Grant, 4-1). Midn II: 1, Facel Policy (H Trotter, 7-4 Isv)

9.4 Mr Namell, 3-1 Ask Me Kindly, 4-1 Cools Hill, 6-1 Music Therapy, 7-1 others.

2-1 Le Medie, 11-4 Mouni Serrath, 3-1 Lucky Dollar, 6-1 Yeung Dollars, 12-1 Jan Bagley, Lord Anstrut, 16-1 others

4.50 BULL INFORMATION SYSTEMS STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (DIV 1: 21,551. Zm) (11)

4-6 Frys No Fool, 5-2 Weekend Worker 16-1 Robert The Brave, 20-1 others.

5.20 BULL INFORMATION SYSTEMS STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,551: 2m) (10)

EN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (UN II: £1,551: 2m) (10)

RARGIN INN O Brishing of 11-4... S. Fox (5)

4 DETRIOT DALY 19 0 Nicolosin 5-11-4... R. Johnson (3)

6 DEGERBOOR PRINCE 19 P Hobbs 5-11-4... G. Tormey (3)

HILLS GAMBLE P Brum 6-11-4... We workington

0 JOE'S BRITHDAY 16 P Webbs 6-11-4... We workington

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4 WESTERY C. Egerton 5-11-4... We provided the provided of the provide

5-2 Wase king, 3-1 Debruit Davy, 9-2 Star Myslery, 7-1 Edgemoor Proce, 8-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: C Egerion, 6 warners from 17 nations, 35.3%; C Mann, 5 from 15, 33.3%; C Sherwood, 18 from 58, 37.0%; K Bailey, 24 from 89, 27.0%; J J Otte-8, 7 from 26, 26.9%, J Ott, 4 from 15, 26.7%.

4.15 BULL INFORMATION SYSTEMS NOVICES CHASE (23,631: 3m 2f) (8)

other circumstance which has not been included "must be the subject of a report". not. It would have been compiled by any ten-year-old graduate of the Pony Club 'C' Test. Even Jack Hylton, a famed impresario and band-

in-depth knowledge of horse racing, could think up 52 "trainers' excuses" to decorate his Christmas card to his trainers, one for each week in UTTOXETER 3.45 ZENITH DATA SYSTEMS NOVICES HURDLE (23,039: 3m 110yd) (7) the year. At least two items on the list, "equipment failure" 'and 1 P.3P Ags. ME (MROLLY 19 0 Streams of 8-11-3 ... M Richards 73
2 D60 GRUSHKO 18 7 George 5-11-3 ... M Pichards 73
3 D JUST A GUESS 103 J Christ 5-11-3 ... M Pa Cod (7)
4 BU LITLE MICKERS 93 J Christos 5-11-3 ... M Na Cod (3)
5 C374 MR KERMIT 18 A J Milson 3-11-3 ... D Bridgester 0
6 G-00 MUSISC THERMAY 42 7 Forster 6-11-3 ... S Wymer 7 DSGF COOLE HUL 41 (6) D Michardson 5-10-12 ... S Minnson (3) 60 "bit slipped through the mouth", far from adversely

lation that in former times ensured that its author was shot in the back by his own men the first time he went over the top. Yet the whole idiotic scheme depends for its success on the co-operation of the troops, i.e. trainers:

open to trainers' excuses

horse, could well convert a

blatant non-trier into a com-

It is typical of the sort of "bossy boots" adjutant's regu-

fortable winner.

If the instruction is finally implemented. I envisage ap-



Racing commentary

parent compliance and actual defiance on a scale to rival the "goon baiting" activities which were the only enjoy-able pastimes afforded the immates of Colditz and other

off the following cryptic message: SF SF SF SF. ed a translation, he replied:

similarly humourless establishments.

SIS

"Started, farted, slipped and fell. See you Friday, Sid Forrell". Personally, I have enough trouble trying to account to myself and my owner for a disappointing run without having to manufacture a spurious malady to satisfy

Apparently, the regulation

affecting the running of a

some hobgoblin in Portman

is a window-dressing initia-tive to give the public more confidence in the probity of racing. Like most of the recent activities of the disciplinary committee, it will do

DONEASTER L THUNDERER 2.00 Urban Dencing. 2.30 Hediey Mill. 3.05 Claverhouse, 3.35 Avro Anson, 4.05 Real Tonic.

4.40 General Command, 5.10 Good Stuff. Carl Evans: 2.30 Hedley Mill.

GOING: GOOD

2.00 sprotbrough claiming hurdle (£2,128: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

(EZ,128: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

1 4256 URSAN DANCONG 16 (G) B Elison 7-11-12 ... P Carberry
2 6755 FLEIR DE TAL 18 (F.5) W 6 M Tumer 5-11-7 ... J Power (7)
3 400 PRIECONE PETER 17 (N.F.G.S) D Broman 9-11-6 . M Branton
4 00P- UNCLE BENLA 387 17 Parkes 7-11-6 . R McCarriny (7)
5 4204 ANTARRETERN 23F 6 Olivery 6-11-4 ... P Midgley (3)
6 (F. NOSTH ESK 0F C Duyer 7-11-4 ... V Smeth
7 020P RIGHT ANGLE 21 Miss M Rowland 5-11-4 ... V Smeth
8 5-02 TRENVETHAN 88 MS S Austin 7-11-4 ... B Gratten (7)
9 5144 ALMAMZAR 9 (B) N Timbles 6-11-2 ... E Philabord (3)
10 UP-0 TURNER PROE 4 (D.G.S) K Wingmer 6-11-2 ... AS J Ryon
11 3549 KADAR 16 (V.S) W Cay 7-11 ... Gry Lents (3)
12 -056 BLOWN A RUSE 18 (B) J 11-1 ... Gry Lents (3)
13 00PP THE COVENSTY FLYDR 104 N Smoth 7-10-13 ... B Wandle (3)
14 PS-P TOLL BOOTH B (D.F.) Charlton 7-10-11 ... B Haming (3)
4-1 Trevvestion 5-1 Almantoz 11-2 Ursan Darcon. 7-1 Fixer De Tal 8-1 Right 4-1 Trevveefan, 5-1 Almanoza. 11-2 Urban Dancang, 7-1 Ficur De Tal. 8-1 Right Angle, Blown A Fissa, 10-1 others

2.30 HAMBLETON HILLS HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,152; 2m 3f 110yd) (10)

10 00-F AUNTTE FAY 22P | Baker 5-11-0 | | Baker (7)

HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,721: 2m 4f) (19)

1 4-61 BRANCHER 79 (7) I Nonon 5-11-10 W Fry
2 -041 CLAVERHOUSE 17 (D.F.G.) J Fragerid 7-11-10. M Dwyer
3 -061 TARA RANBELER 41 (F.S.) MESS SHell 7-11-10. P Carberry
4 5127 GOLDENSMET 58 (6.5) & Babley 6-11-5 A P McCoy
5 3-06 CATTLY HANG 78 J Leign 6-11-0. Mr W Morgan
6 BDD- FLYING FREEDIDE 255 G Outloyd 5-11-0 P Midgley (3)
7 200 GLAMANGLITZ 44 P Colum 6-11-0. Mr W Morgan
9 005 JACCISES 18 M Messign 6-11-0. G Bradiey
9 005 JACCISES 18 M Messign 6-11-0. W Marston
10 020 JET BOYS 94 (BF) Mrs J Pleman 6-11-0. W Marston
11 03- MAYS-MAYR 345 J Neella 6-11-0. E Callegian (5)
12 0-0P MR ORIENTAL 44 Mrs V Acentey 6-11-0. B Harding (3)
14 50 OPPERTOR 46 Mrs 5 Moch 6-11-0. Mr Cellina (5)
15 00- PLISTY MUSICETER 324 N Galerin 5-11-0. L Wyer
16 20-P SHARP PENN 19 H Chrey 7-11-0. Jacqui Cliver
17 4222 STELL MOSS 16 (BF) C Barned 7-11-0. B Callord
18 -003 STRONGALONG 32 P Cheestrough 6-11-0. R Supple
19 014P PASLA 8 S Collings 5-10-9 P Nivan
7-2 Claverhouse, 4-1 Soldings 5-10-9 P Nivan

3.35 RACING CHANNEL NOVICES CHASE

2 2912 AVRO ANSON 30 (F.6) M Carmicho 6-11-9 ... M Deyvir 2 4PP PETH FUSELER 44 Miss A Embiticos 9-11-3 ... J Rysis 3 /P LOSSTER COTTAGE 98 K Balley 8-11-3 ... A Thomkson 4 O-FP LUCKY LANDONG 46 R Philips: 7-11-3 ... W March 6 500P SOCIOMAN SPRINGS 4 (V.F) Mis V Rest 6-11-3 D Parker (3) 6 4 THE SRUSH MAN 41 MIS J Bower 7-11-3 T Descombe (5) 7 3360 TIOO GOUD 20 P Cheestrough 6-11-3 ... R Surple 8 -052 RUALMIT 9 T Tale 7-10-12 ... G Bardley 1-3 Arto Anson, 5-1 Rushm, 6-1 Lobster Cottage, 8-1 Tico Bold, 12-1 others

4.05 SOUTH YORKSHIRE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,952: 2m 110yd) (18) 9-2 Current Speech, 5-1 Bassenhelly 6-1 Latin Leader, 7-1 Kimberley Boy, 8-1 Real Tonic, 10-1 Preston Guild, Walting, 12-1 Nomes, 14-1 others.

4.40 WADWORTH NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,785: 2m 3f 110yd) (5)

1 1141 GENERAL COMMAND BS (C.F.G) 6 Richards 8-12-0 P Carberry
2 Uriss LIE DETECTOR 19 (BF.F.G) C Parter 8-11-8 . D Parter (3)
3 1223 JUDICAL RELD 9 (8,D.F.S) N Track 7-10-11 . M Dwyst
4 1223 ROCHARSANE 102 (F) 7 Bineragion 7-10-11 . L Wyor
5 28-P RHOSSKU BAY 23 Mirs M Reveley 8-10-8 . . P Neven 5-4 General Commund, 3-1 Judicusi Field, Lie Delector, 7-1 Rochamant, Rhossafi Bay.

5.10 DONCASTER MARES ONLY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,322 2m 110yd) (14)

2-1 Good Stuff, 4-1 Wymyard Lady, 5-1 The Final Spain, 6-1 Bennich, 8-1 Resty Halt, 10-1 Madam Muck, Our Laughter 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Twiston-Davies, 5 winners from 14 numers, 35 7%, P Cheastrough, 4 from 13, 30.8%, C Brooks, 4 from 14, 28 6%, Airs M Reveloy, 16 from 75, 21.3%, 6 Richards, 6 from 35, 17 1%. JOCKEYS: P Nimen, 16 wanners from 59 notes, 27 1% G Bradley, 4 from 16, 25 0%, L Wyer, 11 kom 56, 19.6%, W Marskin, 4 from 21, 19.6%; M Dwyer, 8 from 56, 14.3%

HURDLE (£2 274: 2m 6l 110yd) (8) 1 13-2 HENRY CONE 47 (C.G.) D Micholson 7-12-0 R Johnson (3) 95 2 0000 RIMOUSN 16 (B.C.B.) B Cardadge 8-11-7 Mr J Cardidge 89 3 -F30 DARY SOUND 41 (F.G.) J Hargenald 8-11-0 W Dwan 98 2 FUP LORD OF THE WEST 23 (B.S.) J J O'Neilt 7-10-7 A Roctine (3) 91 5 1-5 CHINALAN 14 (F.) J Maillier 7-10-2 R Greene 91 6 668- HEATHYARDS ROY 411 (C.G.) R Hellanshead 8-10-1 S Wyure 90 7 R-0- PLAYFAL JULET 289 (V.D.S.) A Baley 8-10-0 T Rest 9 8 4 POT TARKOVSKY 45 (S) F Iordan 11-10-0 J Lodder 9 8 1 Door 1-1 Reported 9-1 Oan Sound 6-1 Lord Of The West 10-1 5 - OPO TARKOVSKY 45 (5) F Jerdan 11-10-0 ... J Loddes 6-4 Henry Cone, 1-1 Remonska 5-1 Dan Sound, 6-1 Lord Of The West, 10-1 Chinamen, Playful Jones 12-1 Headingards Boy 20-1 Tartovery 3.15 BULL INFORMATION SYSTEMS HANDICAP ### CARD COLUMN COLUMN

DCREYS: 6 Tormey 8 winners from 27 sides, 29 6%, 5 McMail, 11 from 49, 27 4%, J Ravlion, 8 from 56, 14.3%, R Johnston, 4 from 28, 14.3%, P McLoughlin, 3 from 27, 11.1% Grby qualitiers. 6-4 Super Taillor T-2 Sales Jim. 5-1 Regunus, 7-1 Certarder 8-1 Mexite Jos JUMP LEADERS RACEUNE
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RICHARD EVANS Nap: CLAVERHOUSE (3.05 Doncaster)

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Doncaster: 2.00 Blown A Fuse. Uttoxeter: 2.40 Rimouski, Windsor. 2.20 Miss Pimpernel, Rosie-B 2.50 Full Of Tricks. 3.25 Polar Region 5 00 Lowawaths.

5-4 Sincer Jest, 3-1 Hedley Mill, 5-1 Topong Tiro, 7-1 Al Hashimi, 8-1 Falcombridge Bay, 10-1 Furry Knowe Space Falr, 20-1 others. 3.05 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,721: 2m 4f) (19)

Benn tempted by final showdown with Jones

By Srikumar Sen. Boxing correspondent

NIGEL BENN may not be retiring after all. His supporters had feared that they would no longer thrill to the drama of a Benn contest once he announced his retirement from the ring after his defeat by Thulane Malinga, of South Africa, at Newcastle on

He is not only thinking of carrying on, however, but also he believes that he could be going for a third world title, That one could be a multimillion dollar affair against Roy Jones Jr. considered the best boxer pound-for-pound in the world, and the man whom Benn most wants to meet.

When the split decision in favour of Malinga was announced. Benn took the microphone from the master of ceremonies and told the capacity crowd of 10,000 at the Newcastle Arena that he was

finished with boxing.

"I've done my bit for British boxing," he said. Then, with his voice breaking, he added: "It's time for me to call it a day." He was so carried away with emotion that, even as Malinga started celebrating. Benn went down on one knee and proposed to his girlfriend, Caroline Jackson.

This is the girl who picked me up through everything." he said. "I'd like to say, Caroline. bent down and kissed him and picked him up yet again. Benn was so depressed after

defeat that he did not attend the post-bout press conference. Yesterday, however, he said that he was going off on a long break to think about his future. He seemed to see the defeat as a timely warning. This could give me a chance to go for a third world title. he said, "I don't think I am shot or punch-drunk. I needed a kick up the backside. I don't want to go out like this. If it had been against Gerald Mo-Clellan, it would have been goodnight and goodbye.

Results ..

"I was in an emotional state. I am going on holiday to think about it and talk it over with my girlfriend. I will decide when I come back. I realise it wasn't me in the ring. I was mentally unprepared. I thought it was going to be an easy night. I just did not have the fear factor which is what I need to perform at my best."

While Benn's immediate target could be Steve Collins. the World Boxing Organisation, champion, it is the bout with Jones that would bring in the most money. Jones is the man to provide the fear factor.

Tearful Benn announces his retirement from the ring

That bout has always seemed impossible to arrange because of the interests of HBO and Showtime, the rival American television companies, backing Jones and Benn respectively Now, however, the chance of the biggest super-middleweight bout to be put on looks

a real possibility. Now that Benn is no longer the World Boxing Council champion, he could be ranked by the International Boxing Federation (IBF) as the No I mandatory challenger for Jones's title. The bout would then have to go to purse offers and the television company that puts up the most money would get the contest.

John Hornewer, Jones's legal adviser, said that the champion is still as keen as ever to meet Benn, if a way could be found round the problem of television company rivalry. Homewer even Malinga, that, if Benn were to establish himself as the IBF No I, Jones might consider giving Benn a challenge on a 50-50 split of the purse, instead of the usual 25-75 shareout.

Hornewer added that he would be putting the idea to Jones. However, now that Benn has lost his crown - and no painful relinquishing of the title would be required merely to get the IBF to rank Benn as No 1 — the way to the bout with Jones seems cleared of most obstacles. Benn has always said that 1996 would be his last year, and he would like to go out with the final 'tear-up" with Jones.

It was not surprising to see Benn wanting to retire after a hard campaign over nine years and after being compre-hensively outpointed by an ageing opponent — Malinga is 36 — who is himself contemplating retirement. Benn's right eye was closed, the left no more than a slit and his lip was split, all from the jab that was in his face all night and a chopping right hand. Benn had retired once be-

fore, after a similarly hard bout with Eubank in 1990, but had been persuaded to return by his friend, Peter de Freitas. De Freitas is his manager now and, even though he wants him to retire, the chances of a lucrative bout with Jones could put a new perspective on the future of both De Freitas

Barry McGuigan, the boxchannel of Sky TV, 40 per cent



owned by News Corporation, owner of The Times, said: 'Nigel went to the well once too often: he found it dry."

Yet from his performance it did not seem that Benn had lost all his fight. He simply met the wrong type of boxer on an off night. Benn has shown ing analyst for Sky Sport, a that he is not only the most exciting boxer but also the

most courageous, as well, by coming back from severe defeats by Michael Watson and Eubank to become arguably the third best boxer pound-forpound in the world, behind

Jones and Oscar De La Hoya. On the night, Malinga proved too smart for Benn. From the first round, he proceeded to give him a box-

Dealer North

ing lesson, and only once did he forget his plan to jab and move. That was in the fifth, when Benn caught him with the right and floored him, but. after taking his full eight count rest, Malinga stayed clear of any more trouble during that

round. Benn never got another chance. At the end, one of the judges another five. One judge, Chuck Giampa, of the United take part but who have States, thought that Benn had found that their usual club won by two points. He was on his own in the hall of 10,000. will not be holding a heat can contact the Challenge Malinga, who received a special message of encourage office on UISI 942 9506 for ment from Nelson Mandela details of an alternative before the bout, will go back to club in their area.

Entrants ready to put their cards on the table

BY ROBERT WRIGHT

THE TIMES Midland Private Banking National Bridge Challenge, the largest bridge tournament staged in the United Kingdom, is proving a massive success with experts and novices alike.

More than 2,000 pairs have already entered in search of a share of the £21,000 prize fund covering four categories - one expert and three non-expert — but there is still time for further heats to be organised., Entry costs £6 per person, 20 per cent of which goes to the National

With direct mailing to bridge and golf clubs, more than 5.000 items of post have already been dispatched. During the three weeks since the com-petition's launch, more than 1,700 postal and telephone inquiries have been received.

One query that keeps cropping up from clubs is rector is needed for entry to the tournament. The organisers have decided that this is no longer a requirement, provided that scoring is not done until play has finished.

The issue of the kits that are needed to run heats is commencing, with 140 heats having been organised, involving more than

4,000 players. Heats will take place throughout the country and involve not only bridge clubs, bridge sections of golf, tennis, bowls. croquet and other social clubs, but also groups of social players who have formed their own heats.

Teams range from the Dangerous Aces, in St Andrews, to the Hurst Players, in Brighton, and from Brian's Babes, in Salford, to the Zebra Pub. in Cambridge.

Any players wishing to

Last British place goes to Denmark

BY DAVID POWELL ATTILETICS CORRESPONDENT

GREAT BRITAIN yesterday selected a nine-man team consisting entirely of Englishmen for the world cross country championships in Stellenbosch. South Africa, on March 23. The one chance of Welsh or Scottish representation was rejected when Rob Denmark was included despite finishing tenth in the trial at Stakeford. Northumberland, earlier in the day.

The first seven home in the trial were assured of selection. with the last two names added at the selectors' discretion. Jon Brown, after showing form in a road race in Florida eight days earlier, did not contest the trial, but was given the eighth place. The last went to Denmark, the Commonwealth though he finished behind Comerford, of Wales, and Robert Quinn. of

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ager, the selectors picked Denwas more likely than Comerphenson, the Welsh champion, to be prominent on the fast, flat course in Stellenbosch. "He has the leg speed to perform well, and he could be the difference between a medal and not winning a medal." Clarke said.

The course at Northumberland was muddy and hilly and Denmark had not raced since December after injury and illness. "I am not race-fit, but I am definitely going to get better," he said.

seven were much as expected. although Keith Cullen's victory over Andrew Pearson was a small surprise. Harris arrived hoping to scrape into the top 20: competing in the world championships by finishing as high as seventh had not entered his head.

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David Clarke, the team manmark because they felt that he ford, Quinn, or Christian Ste-

Steve Harris apart, the top

Cullen, Pearson and Chris In a decision backed by Sweeney, who was third, have run consistently well this win-ter. John Nutall, fifth yesterday, underlined his endurance to go with the speed that took him to a Commonwealth 5,000 metres bronze medal. It is to be hoped that Cullen is not superstitious. Not since 1989 has the trial winner been the leading Briton in the world championship.

In the absence of the injured



Wyeth: made no mistake

Paula Radcliffe, Alison Wyeth won the women's trial. Indoors against France the previous weekend. Wyeth had run a victory lap after the 3.000 metres and given away the winner's flowers. Then she learnt that she had finished second, pipped by 0.01sec by Laurence Duquenoy. Wyeth left nothing to chance yesterday, pulling away long before

the finish. Radcliffe, Britain's only hope for an individual medal Stellenbosch, has not trained since Wednesday, but her coaches said yesterday that her physiotherapist expected her to resume this week. Radcliffe hurt her knee and back while racing eight days ago, missed the trial, but was, as expected, included in

the team. WOFLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS: Miss K Cullen (Chelmsford). A Pearson (Longwood), C Sweeney (Tiplon), A Passey (Bronsgrove), J Nuffet (Prestor), D Burrows (Brothelot, S Hurts (Bodvill), J Brown (Sheffeld), S Hurts (Bodvill), J Womerc A Wyeth (Parksde), L Taibot (Bectloid), A Hulley (Leeds), V McPharson

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This is a hand sent to me by L. E. Handley, of Chinnor, who was South. It has a good technical play, and a good psychological play (compensates for the bidding, I suppose).

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North-South vulnerable

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Final contract: 6 MT by South

(I) Mr Handley informs me that 4 NT was Roman Key card Blackwood, and that Five Spades showed two aces and the queen of spades. What use that information was to South. I do not know. In my view, South should have bid Two Diamonds over One Spade. aiming to manoeuvre into 3 NT if North turns up with a

When West led the king of hearts, declarer played low from both hands. This was an excellent play; after ducking. declarer had 11 tricks - eight diamonds, a spade and two hearts with the aid of the marked finesse. As West had no idea that declarer had eight solid diamonds. West contin ued hearts and South won in hand. He crossed to dummy with the ten of diamonds. cashed the ace of hearts (throwing the king of clubs)

Lead: king of hearts

and ran off all the diamonds In the two-card ending, East had to come down to the king of spades and the ace of clubs, and exhibited signs of pressure in the process, So. Handley led low to the acc of spades and dropped East's king to make the contract. If East had discarded smoothly. the best chance of making the contract would have been to take the spade finesse.

☐ For details of The Times National Bridge challenge contact the event organisers on 0181-942 9506 or write to: Britannic Building, Beverley Way, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4PH or fax to: 0181-942

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

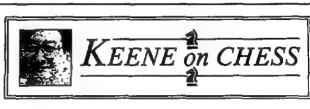
CONCHE a. A wooden head b. An East-End knees up c. To knead

FAUNIZONE a. Bambiland or New Labour b. A collection of fussils c. A state of careless

REEGA a. A measurement of land

b. Term given to those over 7ft c. An Italian warplane ATOLE a. Com gruel h Fraklal system of

parliament c. A collection of academics Agswers on page 37



BY RAYMOND KEENE

Oxford v Cambridge

had Benn nine rounds behind.

The 1996 University match, sponsored by Watson, Farley and Williams, the City solicitors, took place at the Royal Automobile Club and resulted in a win for Cambridge University. The full

Oxford		Cambridge
Dharshan Kumaran Maxim Devereaux Joel Ovaknine Andreas Westphalen Jeffrey Titmas Alex Lewis Chris Blake Susan Little	draw draw draw O-I O-I 1-O	Jonathan Parker Matthew Turner Mark Ferguson Demis Hassabis Aron Cohen David Cristinacce Daniel Rosenberg Emilia Holland
Cambridge won by 5-3.		

best wins. White: Jeffrey Timas

Black: Aron Cohen University match, March 1996 Irregular Opening

7 Qud8: Nd? Nc5 Nhb2 NC4 15 Nbd2 N-d2 Kc7 20 Nd6

25 Ard8 26 Rb1 33 KI4 34 e6 35 tee6 Diagram of final position

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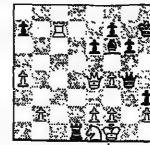
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By Raymond Keene

21 Rd2

23 Nxb7+

Black to play. This position is from e game Vegh - Chahanon Geneva, 109n, Black has made promising inroads into the white kingside, but at present appears hampered by a threat against his fi-pawn. How did he prove that his threats were the more impor-



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ATHLETICS

SAN VITTORE OLANO, Italy: Cinque Multin IAAF cross country meeting: Men: (1).54m): 1, P Tengat (Ken) 35mm 45cec 2; P Guera (Por) 36.11 3.6 Di Napoli IIII (Por) 36.34 IAAF standings: 1, J Kariuk (Ken) 97bs, 2, P Tenga (P en) 75 3. P Mostima (Ken) 97bs, 2, P Tenga (P en) 661 54 6. C Sweeney (GB 43* equal 8, K Cutlen (GB) 44 Women (6.7km) 1, M Demboba (Eth) 23min 19sec, 2, S Barsoso (P en) 23.21 3. P Barsoso (Run) 23.34 4. C De Reuch (SA) 27:35 5. O Zuhra (Mor) 24 10 IAAF standings: 1 R Cheruyoti (Ken) 94pts, 2 P Raddite (SB) 91.3, G Szabo (Rom) 85 STAKEFORD: British Athletic Federation

Radcitte (3B) 91. 3, 6 Scabo (Rom) 85
STAKEFORD: British Athletic Federation cross countrychampionehlos: Man (7,6m) 1. F. Cullion (Chelmstord) 31 min 28sec, 2. A Pearson (Longwood) 31/38: 3, C. Sweeney (Tipton) 31 40, 4. A Passey (Bronsgrove) 31:56. 5. J. Numal (Preston) 32:05. 6. D. Burrows (Brichtold) 32:12 Jurnors (4.8m) 1, A Oldfield (Tipton) 21:08. 2, K. Nash (Aldershof) 21:14: 3, S. Wilkinson (Loughborough) 21:16 Women (3.9m) 1. A Wyeth Parksidel 18:22. 2. L. Talbod (Bedford) 18:27. 3, A Hulley (Leeds) 18:32. 4, V. Mechaerson (Glasgow) 18:33. 5, H. Tresington (Chamwood) 18:38. 6, A. Tresington (Chambood) 18:38. 6, A. Tresington (Cha

Parweamer russgow Unini 13 48, 3, T. Powey (South West) 13 51
Weymouth: TSB English schools cross countrychamplonships: Sentor boys (795im) 1, A Stone (Devon) 26 50, 2 M Brown (Northumberland) 27 15, 3, M Green (Lancashee) 27,29 Tearms: 1, Greater Manchester 23/ots, 2, kem 260, 3, Hampshire 350, Sentor girls 45/m) 1, A Waterfow (Choshire 17 19, 3, K Martin (Staffordshire) 17, 15, Tearms; 1, North Yorkshire 145, 2, West Yorkshire 277; 3, Lancashire 381, English 17, 18, Faulkner (Lecessershire) 21:28, 2, J Siddons (Lelessershire) 21:34; 3, K Steels (Cumbne) 21:37 Tearm, 1, Hampshire 286; 2, Sussey 377, 3, Lancashire 381, Intermediate girls (44/m), 1, J Swallow (Essex) 14(21, 2, C Walsh (Middlesen) 14:35, 3, C Campbell (Herthordshire) 1535 Tearm: Herthordshire 315, ATLANTA: Mobil middor champlonships

Seat 14.357 A. C. Campbell (Heritordshire) 15.35 Team: Heritordshire 315.
ATLANTA: Mobil undoor champlonehips (US unless stated: Men: B0m: 1. D. Powell (Lam) 6.55; 2. K. Williams 6.56; 3. M. Marsh 6.60. 200m: 1. K. Little 20.46; 2. J. Williams 20.81: 3. D. Dopek 20.70. 400m: 1. M. Johnson 44.66; 2. D. Mills 45.60* 3. M. Ramsey 45.86. 800m: 1. R. Prandon 148.71. 2. D. Kustoo (Nani 1.48.74. 2. P. Kanshi 149.20. Miller 1. S. Holman 3.57.72.
2. J. Pyrah 3.58.89; 3. M. O'Sullpan (Ire) 3.58.98. 3.000m: 1. K. Karoutam (Mor) 7.46.77: 2. B. Kennady 7.47.47, 3. B. Baker 20.72.59. 2. G. Mongan 20.60.22. 3. C. Caussen 20.17.96. 60m hundles: 1. C. Hawking 7.46.690: 2. A. Lohnson 7.50. 3. D. Knight 7.65. High jump: 1. C. Ausm. 2.37m; 2. H. Janhuns 2.28, 3. H. Conway 2.23. Long jump: 1. E. Walder 8.10m* 2. K. Streete-Thompson 7.97. 3. M. Conley 7.80. Triple jump: 1, L. Carler 17.12. 2. D. Hum 16.81, 3.

J Roman 18 74 Pole vault 1. P Marson 5 70n, 2 D Cor 5 65 Shot 1, J Godina 20 36rr, 2, C J Hunter 20 25, 3 R Backes 19 40 Womens 60rr 1, G Torrence 7 05; 2 C Monde Miner 7.17, 3 H Hyche 7.24 400rr, 1, M Malono 51 49 2 J Miles 51 57, 2, S Ponre 52.06 200rr 1, G Torrence 22 33 (US record), 2 D Young 22 71 3 C Gastry-Winte 22.97 800rr, 1 J Clark 20 96; 2 J Jenkers-Donley 20 1 16 3, A Hdi 2 01 65 Mile; 1, S Bezi 4 34 67 2 S Thorsell 4 35.05, 3, K Francy 4 35 73 3,000rr 1, J Nesbin 8 56 01 2, A Rudolph 9 00 58, 3, F Bersel 9 24 52 3,000rr walk; 1, M Rohi 12min 55 90ce; 2, M Torelks 13 09 56, 3, V Herazo 13 1328 60m hurdles: 1, M Freeman I, Jam 7 915cc; 2 T Lawson 7 98, 3, C Dickey 8 08 High jump; 1, T Walker 1 98m, 2, A Bradburn 1,92, 3, C Lock-Jacogr 1 92 Long jump; 1, S Walkerns 6 79 m, 2, M Vestman 6 46, 3, D Nallhan 6 42 Triple jump; 1, S Huttson 14,21m, 2, C Proces 51393, 3, C Scrannon 11 49 Shot; 7 C Price Singli 18 82m, 2, R Pagel 17 97; 3 V Althouse 17 89

3. V Althouse 17 89 OHTSU, Japon: Biwako Menichi merathon: 1 J Pinhero (Por) 2 hrs Britin 325ec, 2, E Warneine (Ken) 2 10 37:3 A Melconnen (Eth) 2.11 55.4, P Carroll (Aus.) 2 12:00: 5. T Negere (Eth) 2.13 12:12.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION INBA) Atlanta
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Portland 102 Marm 88, Minmesota 105
Charlotte 101 Utah 99 New York 88.
Chicago 110 Golden State 67: Detroit 102
Phoenia 97: Dallas 119 Vancouver 111, Los
Angeles Lakers 100 Washington 95
BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Derby 85 Thames,
valley 79. Lecosite 62 Brimgham 88,
Manchester 94 Doncaster 69: Worthing 91
Newcaste 103 Leading standings: 1,
London Towers pid 26, 44pts; 2, Sheffleid
26-42, 3 Brimgham 26-36
CLASSIC COLA NATIONAL CLIP: Final-

26-42, 3 Briningham 26-36
CLASSIC COLA NATIONAL CUP: Finat:
London 70 Sheffeld S8[at Sheffield Arena)
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division:
Bury 85 Solent 87 Coveruy 90 Phymouth
80* Ware 116 Oldham and Rochdele 81
Women: First division: Ipswich 57 Northamption 48: London 61 Barking and
Dejenham 77 Plymouth 48 Tharnes Valley
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BILLIARDS

WIGAN: Strachan British Open: Final; R Chapman (Eng) bi M Russell (Eng) 1616-772.

BOWLS SOUTHAMPTON: Women's All-England Indoor Championships: Fours: Semi-finals: Egham (D. Hankin) to Rushden Town (E. Saubts) 21-18; Cherwell (B. Lacey) bit Cotswold (J. Lee) 19-17; Final: Cherwell (P. Maskrey, A. Almond, K. Haurs, S. Lacey) bit Egham (N. Beales, S. McNes, P. Garden, D. Hankin) 22-19, Under-31 Singles: Cusarter-finals: L. Thomas (Riverain) bit S. Fispenos (Desborough, Northampton) 2-18, S. Heizell (Mole Park) bit H. Utang (Acie,

Norench) 21-18, S Seymour (Criy of Ety) bt C
Northall (Teligribridge) 21-11 L Whitehood
(Northall of S Pistoriat (Cumpris) 21-19
Semi-linate: Thomas bt Hesel 21-13:
Whitehood bt Soymour 21-11. Final:
Thomas bt Whitehood 21-14 Two-wood
Imples: Pirst round: Atherloy (E Farrial) bt
Exmouth Macket (M Gooding) 30-17
Phoce Arthur (P Cum) bt Sutton (E Hurley)
24-9 Destorough Maddonhood (M Hooper)
bt Courny Arts (M Doggett) (9-3, Picketts
Lock (S Whitel) bt Egham (M Nusley) 21-11;
York (P Napler) bt Worthing (L Inch) 19-11
Ilmunoter (B Kitson) bt Cottswold (J Lee) 2013 Toweriands: (C Ductowarth) bt Cumbre
(E Gasts) 18-10; Bezedaw (E Leostey) bt
Kingsinorpe (E Wittering) 17-13

BOXING

NEWCASTLE ARENA: World Boeing
Council super-middleweight Champ

NEWCASTLE ARENA: World Bowing Council super-middleweight Chemp-lonship (12rds) Thusare Malinge (2A) to Nigel Bern (Bord, holder) pts. Underseard international Bosing Federation feather-weight Chemplorathip (12rds) Tom Johnson (US, holder) bit (12rds) Tom Johnson (US, holder) bit (12rds) Tom Johnson (US, holder) bit (12rds) Tomore (2011) (12rds) (12

MIS YOKOHAMA, Jepen: World Boxing Coun-ch junior-featherweight Chempionship (12ds) Daniel Zaragozz (Mex., holder) bt Joichro Tatsuyosh (Japan) ko 1181 CYCLING

VALENCIA, Spain: Tour of Valencia: Final leading standings: 1, L. Jalaberi (Fr) 2 thrs. Brist 33sec. 2, (Cuesia (Sp) at 20sec. 3, M Rojas (Sp) 28. 4, A Garmendia (Sp) 1mm 29sec; 5, R Sierra (Sp) 2:33 CATANNA, Skelty: Tour of Etna (151 7km, Rely unless stated): 1, F Fontanelli 4hr 11 51sec: 2, G Lombordi al 9sec: 3, A Balti all same time

TOUR OF LANGKAWE Second stages: 185 km; 1 G Machell (NZ) 4hr 30mm 06sec; 2 C Anderson (Den), 3 J Christen (Switz); 47 B Steel (GB) #1 seme time. Leading positions: 1 B Steel (GB) 5hr 14mm 56sec; 2 C Newton (GB) same time; 3 J Sweet (Australie) at 1 08sec.

(Australie) at 1 08sec.

ROAD RACES: Altures, Uverpoot Kirkby
CC-Eddle Scene Handloop (50m) 1, 0
Williams (Team Ambrosle) 1hr 46min
30sec: 2, R Ellingworth (Team Ambrosle) at
21sec: 3 G Holmas (Rennad Club,
Norwich) same time, Limpsfield, Surrey,
Dulwich Primavere (77m) 1, G Bater
(Olympia Sport) 3:15:27; 2, R Hurd
(Wambley RC), 3, D Rand (Feam Energy), all
same time, Middleton, Northamptonshims,
Rockingham Forest Wheelers (60m; 1, J
Bayfield (Alendale PT), 2:22:20; 2, J; Torics
Parker International PT); 3, S Dangerfield
(Parker international PT); 4, S Dangerfield
(Parker international PT); 4, S Dangerfield
(Parker international PT); 5, S Dangerfield
(Parker international PT); 6, S Dangerfield
(Parker international PT); 6, S Dangerfield
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FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

BONMONT, Spain: Catalan Open: Final scores (36 holes played due to high winds, GB and he unless stated) 135: P Lawne 65. 70 136: F Roca (59) 68 70. 137: D Hospata (59) 66, 71 138: A Swaronno 67, 71: E Bologness (9) 71, 67 138: J Coccers (Arg) 67, 72 J C Pricero (50) 68, 71 140: D Howel 68, 74, C Suneson 74 66. 141: M A Martin (Spi) 71, 70; R Groten 73, 88, S McAllister 72, 89 J Rivero (Sp) 69, 72; E Bormoro (Arg) 71, 70; 142: M Pinero (Sp) 69, 72; E Bormoro (Arg) 71, 70; 142: M Pinero (Sp) 71, 71 A For-brand (Swe) 74, 69; P Linhard (Sp) 72, 70; R Muntz (Holl) 72, 70; P Beker 70. 72 DA Passall 72, 70; P McGarley 72, 70; E Graud (Fr) 72, 70; 143: R Dinadalo 70, 73; P Spland (Swe) 72, 71; M Morrero (Sp) 74, 69; M Wills 69, 74; N Briggs 72, 71; S Luna (Sp) 74, 69; M Heilberty (Swe) 70, 73; M Pummer 73, 70; 144: A Sorensen (Den) 71, 73; P Nyman (Swo) 71, 73; D Borrego (Sp) 73, 71; P Harmington 75, 69; F Lindgren (Swe) 72, 72; S Feld 70, 74 G Emerson 70, 74 R Drummond 73, 71; F Valera (Sp) 72, 72; A Collison 72, 73; S Hurtoy 70, 75; R Jacquoth (Fr) 74, 71; J M Carridox (Sp) 74, 71; J Bickerton 72, 73; S Hurtoy 70, 75; P J Jaccadilla (Sp) 72, 73; S Hurtoy 70, 75; P J J 73; D Cooper 74, 72; R Septem 76, 76; F Way 73, 73; D Cooper 74, 72; R Septem 76, 76; P Way 73, 73; D Cooper 74, 72; R Septem 76, 76; P Way 73, 73; D Cooper 74, 72; R Bossal 76, 70; G Reloh 72, 74; S Wetson 69, 77; M Tunnoll 77, 74; S D Williams 77, 73; J Cluros (Sp) 71, 76; Middle Doral-Ryder Open: Third-round mooms (Us unest massed) 201; G Norman Paus) 70, 65; 87, V Saroh (Fij) 87, 69; 67, 78; P Bacdimar 69, 72; 68; P Burton 76, 76; S P Park 80, 71; N Brigoly 65, 77; S P Clements 71, 76; S Soryh (Fij) 87, 69; 67, 78; P Bacdimar 69, 72; 69; N Feido (GB) 72; 68, 70; M Deson 68, 73, 71; D Looper 67, 73; 69; P J Releva 80, 71; N Relocalog 69, 72, 69; N Feido (GB) 72; 68, 70; M Deson 68, 73, 71; C Syrum 66, 72, 71; F Royd 68, 70; 71; F Royd 68, 70; 71; J Suman 66, 72, 71; F Royd 68, 77; 78; P Royd 68, 77; 78; P Royd 68, 77; 79; P Royd 68, 77; 79; P Royd 68

70; W.Austin 69, 71, 71, L. Jarzen 63, 76, 72. | SCHOOLS SPORT B McCallister 68, 71, 72, J Leonard 69, 89. |

OAAL California: Healthcom Sentor Cla-elic. Second-round scores: 131: G Player (SAI 64, 67 132: I Show 66, 66, J Kicker 64, 68 133: IV Morgan 62, 77 134: L Lacram 68, 66, 135: J Schroeder 70, 65 D Wesser 68, 67, R Thompson 68 67 T Wargo 65, 70 136: J Jacobs 69, 67 D Stockom 69, 67, B Alin 68, 62, D Douglass 69, 68, J Jimonicz 67, 69, G Ancher 66, 71, J Sigol 65, 71

GYMNASTICS

PARS: International Surrement Hart Portrine horse: 1, E Pougate (Fr) 9 800: 2, M Uzzas Riomi 9.737; 3, Y Haushods (Jacan) 9 712 Floor: 1, G Mesulin (Uki) 9 712: 2, 7 Aymes (Fr) 9 625, 3, A Demanov (Cro) 9 550 Ringer: 1, Y Checin (II) 9 812: 2, A Demanov (Cro) 9.687, 3, A Wecker (Gor) 9.675

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday Wrinipeg 5 Hartlord 2: New Jersey 6 New York Islanders 2; New York Rangers 3 Buffalo 3 (OT); Fridagethile 3 Ottaws 2 Colorado 5 Chicago 3; Pitsburgh 5 Edmonton 4, Tamp3 Bay 7 San Jose 3 Seturday; Wezhington 2 Boston 0, Vancouver 3 Dentot 2, Hartlord 7 Flonda 1, Daltas 5 Toronto 1; New Jersey 4 Ottawa 1 Los Angeles 5 Montreal 4

Angeles 5 Montreal 4
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Basingsloke 3 Durham 4; File B Newcastle
4; Milton Keynes 7 Nottingham 8, Shofheld
14 Humbersude 3, Stough 5 Cardiff 8 First
division; Blackburn 4 Manchezier 17,
Brachmel 10 Nameyhald 1; Guiddiord 14
Paterborough 1; Medway 4 Pasiey 8,
Solhull 20 Billingham 6, Swendon 7
Dumines 4, Tetford 4 Chelmisford 5

NORDIC SKIING

LAHTI, Finland: World Curr Men (30/em):

1, J Isomeisa (Fin) 1th 14/emn 48 4/sec 2, B Dahle (Nor) 115:124, 3, A Prolumonov (Russ) 1 15:26 4, 4, M Bothmov (Russ) 1 15:26 5, F Valbusa (It) 115:43, 16, A Elde (Nor) 1 15:43, 5 World Curp standings: 1, Dahle I.(30)pt: 2, V Smirnov (Russ) 860: 3, Prolumonov 509: 4, Isomeisa 491; 5, S Fauther (It) 485, 6, T Alegaard (Nor) 352 Women (10km); 1, M di Centa (If) 27:38 1; 2, S Betmondo (It) 27:48 1; 2, S Betmondo (It) 29:14 World Curp standings: 1, E Vaeibe (Russ) 901, 2, Di Centa 875, 3, L Egorova (Russ) 654, 4, Lasutina 639, equal 5, Betmondo and Gavrilus 613 Combinado: 1, B E Vis (Nor, 42ms) 6:26cc; 2, KT Apeland (Ito) 45:053, 3, H Manninen (Fin) 45:13, 4, A Longo (It) 45:14; 4; 5, J Maentia (Fin) 45:37; 6 J E Bard (Nor) 45:43.0, World Curp standings: 1, Apelend 1,246; 2, K Opiwara (Japan) 1,068; 3, Martita 1,006; 4, VK 781, 3, 8 Guitaume (Fr) 992; 6, F B Lundburg (Nor) 812

FOOTBALL: English Schools Full Film Trophy; Bury 3 West Brommech 1 English Schools Goodyser under-16 Trophy; Millield Goodyser under-16 Trophy; Millield Somerael 1 St Josephs. Allistrie 2 Courl Moor. Hampsturo 0 Lariomead. Oran 3, Hinde House, South Yolks Lutterworth 65, Locoster 3 Neur; or England, West Modands 0 Lacon Chade Shropshire 1 English Croydon Cupt Bright of 1 Graveshire 1 English Gills Shield Semi-final: Maddands 0 Lacon Chade Shropshire 1 Graveshire 4 English Gills Shield Semi-final: Maddands 0 Lacon Chade Shropshire 1 Graveshire 15: East Berks 1 Househ 1 Md Duon 1 Vale of White horse 1 Share Cup: Cambridge 2 Ipstrict 0, Norwich 3 Lowestott 2 Finch Trophy; Hackney 4 Brent 0, Islington 1 Harrow 0 Millier Trophy; Swindon 0 East Berks 1 Amenal Trophy; South London 2 Islington 2 Mayas Lengue Southampton 1 Harring 1 Mayas Lengue Southampton 1 Harring 1 Kent Cup: Dartiord 3 Dover 1 Cotswold League: Mid Oron 1 South Notice 1 Presidents League; Portsmouth 1 Southampton 5 East Blimingham Trophy; Necham 3 Havening 0 Rangers Trophy; Islington 8 West London 3 West Yorkshire League: Portsmouth 1 Southampton 5 East Blimingham Trophy; Necham 3 Havening 0 Rangers Trophy; Islington 8 West London 3 West Yorkshire League: Portsmouth 1 Southampton 5 East Blimingham Trophy; Necham 2 League: Portsmouth 0 South Notice 1 Dartiol 1 South Notice 2 Liverpool 5 Chesthire Senior Cup: Senior Cup: Senior Cup: Senior 1 South Notice 2 Liverpool 5 Chesthire Senior Cup: Senior 6 Alexander 0 Welsh Glymood Strukts 1 South Notice 2 Liverpool 5 Chesthire Senior Cup: Senior 6 Alexander 0 Welsh Glymood Strukts 2 Liverpool 5 Chesthire Senior Cup: Senior 1 South Notice 1 Senior 1 Seni

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HOCKEY: Epsom 5 Dulwich 0, Hurstporporn 1 Charterhouse 0, Perse 3 Felsted 2: Sealord 0 St George's, Weybridge 2: The Lays, Cambridge 3 Genthum's 1

SKIING

HAKLBA, Jepen: World Cup: Ment Super glant stellom: 1, P. Runggalder (t) Time 34.60ser; 2, A. Sleandal (Nor) 134.88; 3, H. Kneus (Lustina) 1, 35.00; 4, G. Mader (Austria) 1, 35.32; 5, A. Fatton (t) 1, 35.38; 6, R. Kroel (Austria) 1, 35.53; 50, G. Bell (36) 1, 38,79. World Cup standings: Overall; 1, L. Kjue (Nor) 1,038pts; 2, Mader 879; 3, M.

von Gruerugen (S.viz) 839, 4, Kriaus 748, 5 1. Alphand (Fr), 714, 6, A. Tomba, (i), 668 Super geint elelom: 1, Staurdal 280, 5 Krieus, 257, 3, Kjus 204, 4, R. Kroel (Austra) 201, 5, Runggelder 189, 6, Alphand 182

201. 5, Runggalder 189; 6 Alphand 182; NARVIK, Nonasy: World Cup: Women; Glant station: 1. D. Compagnoni (fi) (57.84; 53.26) 1.56.20; 2. 5. Panzarini (fi) 55.76; 58.83) 1.56.20; 2. 5. Panzarini (fi) 55.76; 58.83) 1.57.94; 4. K. Seconger (Ger) (59.62; 56.44) 1.58.05; 5. M. Erri (Ger) (59.11, 59.01) 1.58.25; World Cup standings: Overall: 1.58.25; A. Wacsings: 1.232; 2. Erfl 9.34; 3. A. Wachter (Austria) 927; 4. P. Stroet (LS) 837; 5. A. Meessingser (Austria) 774; 6. I. Kosiner (fi) 765; Glant station: 1. Erp. 405; 2. Wachter 236; 3. Sezinger 310; 4. Compagnon; 280. 5. Nel, 266; 6. S. Panzarini (fi) 263 ski jumping

LAHTI, Finland: World Cup (115m) 1, M Herada IJapan) (122 5m, 127m) 366 6pts 2, P Peterka (Stovalea) (113 5, 120 5) 240 2; 3, J Sonmen (Fin) (119 5, 110) 234 1, 4, A Malysz (Pol) (123 106) 229 7, 5, J Wensellog (Gen) (114, 113 5) 229 5, 6, M Lafmen (Fin) (105 5, 123) 227 7, World Cup standings; 1, A-P Nakola (Fin) 1,314epts, 2, A Gokhörger (Austing) 1,237, 3, J Ahonen (Fin) 935, 4, J Wensellog (Gen) 928, 5, Harada 886, 6, Latinen 838, Tsatm; 1, Japan (7, Okabe J Nichhauta, H Harada, H Saidoh) 999, 2, Germany 829, 7, 3 Austina 866, 9, 4, Finland 800, 5, Norway 797, 1, 6, Stovena 753, 8

SNOOKER

MALTA: European Open; Semi-finals: J Parror (Eng) bi J Swall (N Ire) 6-5, P Ebden (Eng) bi A Hicks (Eng) 6-3. Final: Ebden Iradz Parrioti 5-3

SPEED SKATING

CALGARY: World Cup: Men: 500m; Friday: 1, 5 kile-uchanya (Fluss) 35 80sec 2, M Hora (Japan) 35 47 3 H Shring: (Japan) 36 00 Saturday: 1, Shring: 35 39sec sworld record); 2 Hora 25 57: 3 kile-uchanya: 25 76 World cup standings: 1, Horis 335pts: 2, Kleuchena 284, 3, Y Miyabe Lepan) 275 1,000m: Friday: 1, Hora Imm 11 57sec (world record); 2, A Sondial (Nor) 1194; 3, Miyabe 11 24 1 1,500m: Seturday; 1, H Nosive (Japan) 150 61 (world record); 2, N Marshall (Can) 150 62, 3, Sondial 150 74 World cup standings: 1, Nosive (Japan) 150 62, 3, Sondial 150 74 World cup standings: 1, Nosive (Japan) 160 61, 3, Sondial 150, 74 World cup standings: 1, R Rtsman (Holl) 103, 5,000m: Friday: 1, R Rtsman (Holl) 63, 5,000m: Friday: 1, R Rtsman (Holl) 64, 3, I Postime (Holl) 64, 40 84, 2, K Shrahata (Japan) 64284, 3, I Postime (Holl) 64, 40 84, 2, K Shrahata (Japan) 64284, 3, I Postime (Holl) 64, 40 84, 2, K Shrahata (Japan) 54, 28 Morner: 500m: Friday: 1, S Zhurova (Russ) 39, 20sec, 2, T Okazal (Japan) 59, 24; 3, K Shrahata (Japan) 59, 24; 3, K Shrahata (Japan) 59, 24; 3, K Shrahata (Japan) 19, 24; 3, K Shrahata (Japan) 59, 24; 3, K Shrahata (Japan) 59, 24; 3, K Shrahata (Japan) 59, 24; 3, K Shrahata (Japan) 19, 23; 3, Shriho (Japan) 19, 25, 3, Shriho (Japan) 19, 20; 20; 2, M Lietaza (Japan) 19, 29, 3, Shriho (Japan) 20, 20; 3, G Mismann (Gor) 20, 19, World cup standings: 1, Nemann 156, 2, Ushara 140, 3, Thomas (Gor) 20, 3, Thomas

(Holf) 125 3,000m: Saturday 1, E Hunyady Austral 4 20 87 2, h Holum (US) 4 22 31 3, M Dascelu (Rom) 4 22 53 THE HAGUE: Short Track world chempionships: Men: 500m: 1, 0 Fagore (ft) 43 08sec; 2, M Vullemm (ft), 3 F Blackburn (Can) 1,000m: 1 L Japun (Chnat Imm 32 03; 2 M Gagon; (Can) 1,32 11 3, Chae Ji-Hoon (S No) 1 32 15 3,000m; 1, Chez Ji-Hoon (S No) 1 32 15 3,000m; 1, Chez Ji-Hoon (S No) 5 00 56; 2, M Gagon (Can) 5 01 05; 3 Meto Vullemm (ft) 501 08; 4, M Gooch (GS) 501 55; 5,000m relay; 1, Italy; 7 04 92; 2 Canada 7 05 14, 3 South Norea 7 07 60; 4 Australa, 7 12 53; Finst overall standings (after 4 events); 1, M Gagonn (Can) 11pc; 2, Chae Ji-Hoon (S Nor) 9, 3 O Fagonc (Ft), L Japun (Chna) and M Vullemm; (ft) 5 6; N Gooch (GB) 4 Women; 500m; 1 1 Chaes; (Can) 45 65; 2, A Persault (Can) 3 M Canclini (II) 1,000m; 1 M Canclini (II) 1,39,65; 3, 1 Cheresi (Can) 1,40,00 3,000m; 1,40,00 3,000m; 1 Kori 1,39,85; 3, 1 Cheresi (Can) 1,40,00 3,000m; (GB) 5,40,94,3,000m; 5,40,71 5, D Palmor (GB) 5,50,94,3,000m; 1,50,71 5,000m; 1,5000m;

SWIMMING

CARDIFF Welsh National long course Championships Men. Freetstyle: 400m; M Leutenogger (Swatz) 402 78 Breaststroke: 200m; A Ayers (Swatzes) 221 28 Backstroke: 200m; C Jones (Cadif) 207 18 Butterfly; 50m; A L (Cardif) 25 60 100m; L52 87 Women: Freetsyle: 50m; D Dezi (Swatz) 27 62 800m; S Hardcasile Brachreiß 8 46 19 Backstroke; 100m; C Nöben (Dover Life) 107 30 Breast-stroke; 100m; D Adams (Rochford) 1 527 Butterfly; 200m; H Stotler (Warmors) 2 16 66

TENNIS

MILAN: Men's Intermedical expressions: Semi-finats: G Ivensenc (Cro) bi G Fargel (Fr) 6-7 6-3, 7-6. M Rosset (Switz) bi Y Katerikov (Russi 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. Finat: Ivansenic bi Rosset 6-3, 7-6

PHILADELPHIA: Men's tournament. Singles: Quarter-finals: C Woodruff (US) bit Minos (Chite): 1-6, 6-4, 8-1: M Woodbook (Aus) bit Stoffenberg (Aus) bit Stoffenberg (Aus) bit 5-7, 6-2, 1 Couner (US) bit B Stack (Zm) 6-2, 6-4, 1 Woodbooks (Aus) bit T Carbonell (Sp) 6-4, 6-3

EASTLEIGH: Women's Chellenger: Structure: Semi-finals: I Demongeot (Fr) bt V Rusno-Pascual! (Sp) 6-3, 8-2: E Wagner (Gar) bt N Dechy (Fr) 1-6, 7-8, 8-4 Doubles: Final: V Lave and C Wood (GB) bt I, Golarna (ft) and T Knzan (Sovens) 8-4, 4-6, 6-3

FIRST DIVISION: Blueharts 1 Chelmstord 1, Bractord Swithenbank 0 Troyans, 4; Exmouth 1 Canterbury 4, Sundertand Bedans 2 Wimbledon 0

SECOND DIMISION: Aldridge 3 Reading 1: Laughborough 1 Wolsing 2: Cillon 4 Sher-wood 0, St Albans 2 Ealing 0

Otton P W D L F A Pts 10 9 1 0 27 6 28 Loughborough 10 4 2 4 29 12 14 Akardge 10 3 5 2 12 9 14

REGIONAL LEAGUES: East: Badayheath 0 Sevencala 0. Harteston 1 Carribs C 0. Loughtonians 3 WGC 1: Seracers 1 ipsworth 3 Middlands: Bedford 2 Hampton 2. Christon

P W D L F A Pm 10 9 0 1 34 5 27 10 7 1 2 19 9 22 10 6 2 2 2 16 9 20 10 5 3 2 2 16 9 20 10 1 3 6 8 17 6 10 1 1 8 6 26 4

RUGBY UNION

Five nations' championship 30 Wales 17 Ireland: Tries: Corkety, Fuicher, Geo-ghagan, Woods Cons: Mason 2, Pens: Mason 2, Water: Tries: Evens 2, Cons: A Thomas 2, Pen: A Thomas (at Lansdowne Road)

9 England Scotland: Pene: M Dods 3. England: Pene: Grayson 6.

PWDL F A Pts 4 3 Q 1 60 56 3 2 0 1 74 41 3 2 0 1 51 39 3 1 0 2 50 78 3 0 9 3 46 57

RESULTS: Frence 15 England 12, Ireland 10 Scotland 16, England 21 Wales 15, Scotland 19 Frence 14, France 46 interest 10, Wales 14 Scotland 15, Ireland 30 Wales 17, Scotland 9 England 18. REMAINING MATCHES: Mer 18: Eng-land v Ireland, Wales v France

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Courage Clubs Championship Third division

Rosstyn Park 17 Coventry Roselyn Park: Tries: Ros. Sheckel. Cons: Maddod: 2 Pen: Maddock. Coventry: Tries: Barden. Croits, Eves 2, Horrobin, M Thomas. Cons: M Thomas 5 Pens: M Thomas 2.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Jones, of Oxford, breaks through the Cambridge defence during the women's university rugby union match at lifley Road. Oxford went on to score six tries to win the match 32-7. Photograph: Marc Aspland

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1.45 1, Purote Splash (2-1), 2, Gales Of Laughter (10-1); 3, Hydernilla (18-1). Sea Freedom 15-8 law. 16 ran. NR Domision 2-20 1, Jacob's Wills (4-9 law), 2. Arctic Life (5-2), 3, Hashar (11-1) 3 ran. 2-50 1, Pull Of Cats (6-4 tav); 2, Beaureparts (9-1), 3, Another Excuse (16-1), 12 ran.

3.20 1, Royal Ag Nag (9-2 lav); Sebastopol (14-1); 3, Mr Poppleton (25-1); Persistent Gunner (7-1) 21 ran N Bratolace. 3.50 1. Lying Eyes (6-1); 2. Mizyen (11-4 tay), 3. Sun Surier (10-1). 11 ran. 4.20 1, Rolling Bell (7-2); 2, Double Sik (4-11 by), 3, Goodehot Rich (9-1) 5 ran NR Treatful.

4.55 1, Mid Day Chaser (7-2 tay), 2, Dolo Note (7-1), 3, Maylin Magic (10-1) 25 ren LINGFIELD PARK 2.10 1, Rowlandsons Charm (10-11 lav): 2. Crystel Fast (8-1); 3, Aperiments Abroad (10-1) 7 ren. 2.40 1. General Heven (3-1), 2. Baranov (9-4 lav), 3. Tahya (13-2) 8 fan 3.10 1. Cuality (6-4 lav), Nevertranisti Correspondent's rep.); 2. Bartok (9-4), 3. Stategek (5-1) 6 ran. 3.45 1. Pangaranon (6-1), 2. Cusen (01 All Birds (10-1), 3. Send Siss (12-1) Secret Spring 13-8 fav 10 ran. NR Dune River 4.15 1. Stand Tall (3-1 tav); 2. Cur Shadee (7-1); 3. Spender (10-1) 9 ran. 4.45 1. Mister Aspecto (6-1), 2. Hever Gall Eagle (6-1); 3. Uoni (9-1) Willie Rushton 2-1 last fam.

WOLVERHAMPTON

7.00 1, Ledy Dignity (11-4): 2, Yeomen Oliver (7-2), 3, Bit Of Bother (7-4 lav) 5 ran 7.30 1, Le Sport (10-1), 2, Chilbeng Bang (6-1), 3, Mystic Yempo (6-1) Mass Offset 2-1 fav 8.00 1. Zahidi (9-2); 2. Hand Ol Straw (14-1). 3. Mislemani (8-1). Jalmaid 3-1 fav. 12 rah 145. Mawida

BF, Mowlah. 8.30 1. Natica's Star (6-1). 2. Thomsoun Estate (10-1); 3. Chens Castle (6-2 tav) 7 ran 9.00 1. Primula Basm (11-4). 2. Remyholme (10-1); 3. Hannoh's Usher (2-1) Shadow Juny 7-4 fav 8 ran 9.30 1. McHellier (4-1): 2. Woolverstone Hall (11-2). 3. Durelock Fencer (12-1). Young Predenck 2-1 tav 12 ran

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SECOND DIVISION: Saturday: Richmond 1 Edgbaston 2. Yesterday: Bromley 0 Beeston 0, Crostys 1 Brocklands 1; Donceller 1 Blough 2; Pishands 1 Hampared and Westrisheter 1; Gloucester City 0 Oxford University 2; Harrieston Megpies 3 City Of Portsmouth 3; liose 4 Shetfield 0; Otron and West Warks 4 Bluehearts 1

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AEWHA PLATE: Third round: Bath 5 Codord Hawls 0; Badleyheath 1 Wost Whory 1 (Bedoyheath won 3-2 on peris), Bishop's Stortland 1 Wigen 1 (Behop's Stortland 1 Wost 1 (Falmouth with 3-0 on peris); Chesmal 2 Cellerning 2 (Korilenng vicin 4-3 on peris) Chesmal 2 Colocester City 1; Essicoté 2 Nelson 1; Falmouth 1 Chissell 1 (Falmouth with 3-0 on peris); Ibonopin 1 Begonot Regis 2 Polytechnic 2 Moropeth 1 Stort 1 Bognot Regis 2 Polytechnic 2 Moropeth 1 Stort 2 Bradgnotth 0; Staries 1 St Austell 2; Welton 4 Matlock Balleens 1: Worksop 5 Tunbridge 3 Second Xt: Oxford 2 Cambridge 3 Second Xt: Oxford 3 Cambridge 3 Second Xt: Oxford 2 Cambridge 3 Second Xt: Oxford 3 Cambridge 3 Second Xt: Oxford 2 Cambridge 3 Second Xt

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GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY FOOTBALL k.ck.-off 7:30 unless stated denotes all-ticket FA Carling Premiership Newcastle v Man Utd (8 0) Vauxhali Conference

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BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Pramier di-vision: Chelmstord v Dorchester ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Purfleet V Crays Thard division. Trong v Hornchurch AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: Sec-PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Bermanham C Res e West Brommoti (70) Second division: Manchesier City v Huddersfield (6.45)

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OTHER SPORT BOWLS: British Men's Championships I/suchmises/ English women's indeer championships (Southampton) RACING: Doncaster (2 0) Utiloveter (2 10).

TOMORROW FOOTBALL UEFA CUP: Quarter-finals, first feg: Beyern Munich v Notingham Forest (7 15).
Barcelons v PSV Endhoven. Stavla Prague
v AS Roma, AC Milen v Girondins.
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP. Arsensi v
Manchester Cay (7 45).
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First
foreign. Rumannam v Maluerhamotro. ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Piss division: Birmingham v Wowerhampton / 45), Charlion v Southend (7 45); Crystal Palece v Grimsby (7 45); Wattord v Derby (7 45) Second division: Crewe v York, Fulk v Brentord: Peterborough v Swandon (7 45). Wheeham v Chesterfield Third division: Cerditi v Wigan, Furham v Darvington (7,45); Hartlepool v Hereford: Sounthorpe v Lincoln ANGLO-TALIAN CUP: Domestic final, second leg: Port Vale v West Bromwich (7 45). second leg: POT Vas

7 45).

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Northern
area final, first leg: Rotherham v Carlisle,
Southern area final, first leg: "Shrewsbury
v Bristol Rovers
VALIXHALL CONFERENCE: Barh v Shough
(7 45), Farnborough v Weiling (7 45);
Helitax v Stayburdge (7 45); Runcom v
Allinnenan (7 45)
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Second
division: Ayr v Forter, Clyde v Queen Of
South Third division: Carey Tris v Queen's
Park

RUGBY UNION Kick-off 7.0 CLUB MATCHES: Bristol v Royal Navy. Gloucestel v Army: Ponyopol v Berry Hill. OTHER SPORT BOWLS: British Men's Champion

RACING: Leicester (2.20); Newbury (2.10), Sedgefield (2.0). WEDNESDAY

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP: Quarter finale, first leg: Real Machid v Juverius Legla Warsew v Panathinaitos. FC Nantes v Sparlak Moscow; Bonussia Dortmund v FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa v Sheffield Wadnesday (7.45); Queens Park Rangers v Leeds (7.45) Hargers v Leeds (7 45)
ENDS LEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Second division: Notis County v Walself (7 45).
Wycomice v Brighton (7 45)
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Airdre v Hamilton, Duniormiline v Dunidee Third division: Ross County v Allisert.

FOOTBALL

RUGBY UNION HUGIST UNION
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: East Midlands v Barbarians (at Northampton, 3.0)
CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge Univ v
Penguris (7 15), Gela v Newcastie (7 0);
Nunsation v Rugby (7 15), Orland Univ v
kanto Galkuin Univ (Jepan) (3 0). OTHER SPORT BOWLS: British Men's Championships (Auchinieck) English women's indoor championships (Southempton)

BOXING: ABA finals (National Indoor grans, Birmingham). RACING: Bangor (155), Catterick Bridge (2.0); Lingfield Park (1.50), Wolverhampton (AW, 2.10) THURSDAY

FOOTBALL EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP: Quar-ter-finals final leg: Dynamo Moscow v Repid Wenne; Parmá v Pans Sig. Depontivo Coruña v Reel Zerogoza. Borussia Muchangladbach v Feyenoord TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Fitth round:

Si Johnstone v Hearts (80)

OTHER SPORT BASICETBALL: Budweiser League: Derby Edward (s. or.)

BOWLS: British Men's Championships
(Aucturited), English women's indoor
championships (Southempton). RACING: Carisle (2.0); Towcester (2.20). Wincardon (2.10). FHIDAY

BASKETBALL: Budwelser League: Hernel v London (7.30) Mänchester v Barningham (8.0), Newcastle v Sheffleld (8.0) BOWLS: Braish Men's Championships (Auchinleak) English women's Indoor championships (Southampton) RACING: Ayr (1,50), Market Rasen (1 40); Sendown Park (2 0).

SATURDAY FOOTBALL Kick-off 3 0 unless stated FA CUP: Pitth round replay: Tottenham v Nottingham Forest. Shith round: Chelses v

FA CAFILING PREMIERSHIP, Auton VIIII FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP, Auton VIII v Queens Park Rangers: Eventon v Coventry, Wast Ham v Middlesbrough. ENDSLETIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Barneley v Ipswert: Chertson v Mal-welt: Crystal Palace v West Bromwert; Hud-dersfield v Luton, Leicester v Girmsby, Nor-wich v Portsmouth: Port Vale v Southend; Sheffield Utd v Stoke. Sunderland v Dorby, Trammere v Burmigham; Walford v Out-ham; Wolverhampton v Reseling. Second division: Blacknool v Nots County; Brest-ford v Wresham; Bristol Qily v Burnley. division: Biackpool v Nosts County; Branttord v Wirscham; Bristol City v Burnlay;
Chosterfield v Brighton, Crew v Bestol
Rovers; Hull v Bournemoulh; Cxdord Utid v
Bracliord; Rotherhem v Swenses; Shrewsbury v Wycombe, Stockport v Peterborough; Swindon v Walsalt; York v Carlsile.
Third division: Barnet v Chester; Cambridge Utid v Plymouth, Cardill v Fullhant;
Colchester v Bury; Dertrigton v Tompusy;
Exster v Doncesser; Calimphann v Preston,
Hartlepool v Mansfield, Lincoln v Wiger;
Northampton v Scarborough; Rochdele v
Leyton Chert; Scurthoope v Hareford
VALDHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham v
Wolung, Baith v Moredambe; Hednestord v
Famborought Kettering v Gallesheed,
Addierminster v Welling; Macclesfield v
Helfax, Runcom v Dover; Slough v

Cagenham and Redbridge; Southport v Bromsgrove; Stalybridge v Stavenage; Taitord v Northwich TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Filth round: Aberdeen v Airdne; Caley This v Rengers (at Tennedice Park, Dundee Utd FC, 3 0). Tennadice Park, Dundse Uid FC, 3 (I).
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Dumbarton v Dunlemine; Greenock Morton v Hemilton Second division: Ayr v Mortone; Fortar v Berwick, Cusen Ol South v East Fife, Sternbussemuir v Clyde. Stiring v Stermer: Third division: Albon v Livingston; Brechin v Cueen's Park, Cowdenbeath v Ross County; East Shring v Arbreeth.

RUGBY UNION Kick-off 2.30 unless stated COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Wasps v Harisquins (3.0). Second division: Bedford v Newcastle (3.0); Moselley v London Iristi. (3.0). Nottingham v London Scottish (3.0) Fourth division: Crition v Aspatris (3.0). Leeds v Exter (3.0): Plymouth v Liverpool St Helens (3.0): Waspall v London Weish (3.0). CS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Lancashma v Waswickshire List CIS COUNTY CHARMPONESTER SAFE (at Presion Grasshoppers), Surrey v Gloucestershire (venue to be announced) CIS UNDER-21 COUNTY CHAMP-KONSHIP: Semi-limits; East Miclards v Middlester (at Northernolon, 4.30); Yorkshire v Gloucestershire (at Otley, 2 15) HEINEREN LEAGUE: First division: Aberavon v (roundhy Abenillery v Ponty-pridd; Bridgend v Neeth, Cardiil v Ebbw

Vale; Newbridge v Lanelt; Newport s Swansea. Second division: Ceerphility Ysraddyntals: Durwart v Bonymaer Landoveny v Cross Keys; Measteg Lanharan, South Wales Police Aberomon: Tenby Utd v Pontypool. TENNENTS 1556 CUP: Third round: Walsonians v Edinburgh Acads (3.0) RUGBY LEAGUE SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Semi-final St Helens v Widnes (al Wigan, 2 15) OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweser Leegue: Bir-mingham v Newcasile (7 30); Worthing v Derby (8 0) BOXING: World Boding Organisation super-middleweight championship Stove Collins (Dublin, holder) v Neville Brown (Burton-on-Trent) (Millistreet). RACING: Ayr (1.45), Chepetow (1.0); Sandown Park (1.55), Southwell (AW, 2.10). SUNDAY

FOOTBALL Kick-off 3 0 unless stated FA CUP: Shith round: Leeds v Liverpool (4 u). TENMENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Fifth round: Celtic v Dundeo Uld (3 15) OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL Budweses, sague: Chester v Worthing (5.0), Sheffield v Doncaster (6.15), Themes Valley v Hemel (8.0)

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

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City ready for Glaxo profits cocktail

GLAXO WELLCOME: Sir Rich ard Sykes, chief executive of the world's biggest pharmaceutical group, should report an impressive set of results on Wednesday. as Glaxo Wellcome mixes a drugs cocktail that pleases the City.

Stewart Adkins, of Lehman Brothers, the American securities house, has pencilled in annual profits before tax and exceptional tems of £2.56 billion (£2.18 billion). A dividend of 31p is predicted. Market forecasts range from £2.4 billion to £2.88 billion.

The results will be overshadowed by the 1995 merger that created the world's biggest drugs firm after the £9.4 billion takeover of Wellcome. The numbers will show 18-month and one-year figures owing to the enlarged group changing its year end to December 31. The firm intends to take a one-off charge of EL2 billion to account for the merger.

Sales of Zantac, the blockbuster anti-ulcer drug, slowed by 3 per cent in the first half, and all eyes will be on the speed of the slowdown since, with Lehman predicting a 7 per cent fall in the second half, which would result in an overall drop in Zantac sales of about 4 per cent, to about \$3.5 billion. Lehman says that attention will focus on how new drugs are faring and whether they can make up for the decline in sales of Zantac, which faces the loss of its US patent in 1997.

SMITH & NEPHEW: UBS is looking for today's final pre-tax profits from the Elastoplast healthcare group to rise to £181 million (£1722 million), with a dividend of 5.65p (5.28p) predicted. Market forecasts range from £167 million to £183 million. Underlying sales growth is thought to have continued at about 8 per cent, though margins may have been squeezed by higher packaging and raw mate-

CADBURY SCHWEPPES: The soft drinks and confectionery group should report stronger fulfyear profits on Wednesday as a maiden contribution from Dr Pepper/Seven Up, America's third-largest soft drinks group. acquired for \$1.7 billion last year,



Sir Richard Sykes, who is expected to announce impressive Glazo Wellcome results

and the benefits to soft drinks sales of a long, hot summer offset the adverse effects of the hot weather on melting confectionery sales. Henderson Crosthwaite is looking for final pre-tax profits to rise to £525 million (£479 million). Market forecasts range from £518 million to £550 million. A dividend of 16p to 17p (15.6p) is

The group will also benefit from its investment in Camelot. the operator of the National Lottery. However, the devaluation of the Mexican peso and a sharp downturn in the economy

forecast.

is expected to lead to a big fall in Mexican profits. A restructuring charge of up to £40 million is forecast for Dr Pepper.

ROLLS-ROYCE: An increase in military engine deliveries and a turnaround in the industrial and marine gas turbine business should help Rolls-Royce to a solid advance in full-year profits on Thursday. NatWest Securities is looking for pre-tax profits to climb to £145 million (£101 million), though a maintained dividend of Sp is predicted. Market forecasts range from £132 million

to £148 million. The results will be boosted by heavy cost-cutting in the past three years, an increased contribution from Allison, the US aero-engines group acquired last year, and a fall in development spending now the big new Trent powerplant is in the air. Attention will focus on current trading and prospects after the group's recent string of new orders.

BAT INDUSTRIES: The tobacco to financial services giant should turn in another strong advance on profits when it reports on Wednesday. Kleinwort

Benson expects final pre-tax profits to rise to 52.3 billion (£1.75 billion), with market forecasts ranging from 52.25 billion to 52.41 billion. A dividend of 24p (21.9p) is expected.

GKN: A strong performance from Westland helicopters should help the defence to car parts giant to please the market with final pre-tax profits of £315 million (£200 million), according to ABN Amro Hoare Govett. Market forecasts range from £290 million to £324 million.

VICKERS: A solid performance from the Rolls-Royce luxury car division should combine with division to help Vickers to power to final pre-tax profits of £70 million to £77 million (£44.8 million). Dividend forecasts range from 6p to 6.6p (4.75p). Apart from current trading and prospects, analysts await news after speculation that the recent deal to provide BMW engines for Rolls-Royce cars could lead to the German carmaker moving to take an equity stake in either Vickers itself or Rolls-Royce.

ZENECA: The drugs group, which plans to separate its lossmaking seeds business, is expected to announce a big jump in fullyear earnings when it reports on Thursday. Lehman Brothers is looking for Zeneca to turn in final pre-tax profits of £820 million (£660 million). A dividend of 29.9p (28.5p) is predicted. Market forecasts range from £850 million to £875 million. The group has already said that it will incur a £60 million exceptional restructuring charge.

RTZ: Thursday's figures from the world's biggest mining group, which recently merged its operations with Australia's CRA, are expected to benefit from a 25 per cent jump in the copper and aluminium prices last year. RTZ holds a stake of about 77 per cent in the merged company, which was effectively formed on January I. UBS expects net earnings to advance to £825 million (£775 million), with a total dividend of 26.8p (23.4p) predicted.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Gilts point to rate cut

THE centrepiece of this week as far as the City is concerned is Thursday's monthly monetary meeting between Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George, with the markets betting heavily that they will sanction another quarter-point cut in base rates. The gilt market rallied so strongly on Friday that a decision to leave rates unchanged may well provoke a setback. The only doubt on timing is whether the British authorities may wait for a month, by which time there may be interest rate cuts in America and Germany.

There is little further British data due

before the monetary meeting. Narrow money M0 for February is published today and is expected to show growth of 0.8 per cent, compared with a drop of 0.2 per cent in January, according to the market consensus compiled by MMS Internation-al. This would boost its annual rate of growth to 5.9 per cent, from 5.5 per cent in January, but would be regarded as a serious impediment to lower base rates. On Thursday, the Confederation of British Industry's latest distributive trades survey is released. The latest cyclical indicators are also out on the day of the meeting.

The focus will also be on events abroad,

particularly in the US and Germany, where there is interest rate speculation, After a weak US purchasing managers' survey on Friday, the employment data due for release on Friday is of interest. January saw a large 201,000 fall in nonfarm payrolls, but this was largely pinned on poor weather and government shutdowns because of the budget impasse. Economists will be looking to see how much of a bounce-back there was in February, a better month for underlying trends.

In Germany, there is expected to be news on Wednesday of a sharp rise in unemployment in February, and Thursday is expected to confirm that the economy contracted in the fourth quarter.

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SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Trocadero, Independent Insurance, Rolls-Royce; Sell First Technology. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Smith & Nephew, EFT; Sell Lonrho, Glaxo Wellcome. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Unigate, Black Arrow: Sell Cairn Energy. The Observer: Buy Standard Chartered; Sell NatWest. The Independent on Sunday: Buy Barclays, Pet City Burford; Sell Rank, Cairn Energy, Standard Chartered.

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Clockwise from top left: Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh in Gone With The Wind; Michael Kenton in Batman Returns; Jack Nicholson in Chinatonn and Kathy Bates and James Caan in Misery

Stock Exchange and Bank reach Crest agreement

THE Bank of England and the Stock Exchange have reached a compromise over Crest, the paperless share trading system that will be introduced this summer.

The Securities and Investments Board yesterday announced that it had approved an agreement between the London Stock Exchange and CrestCo, the company established to take over the development and management of Crest from the Bank of England. It is hoped the agreement will simplify and improve the proposed regime for reporting share trades instructions between parties to

under the Crest settlement

the dismissal of Michael Law-Stock Exchange, in January, the two sides resumed talks.

CrestCo will issue a consultative paper by the end of March, setting out the proposed standards and, where appropriate, the necessary sanctions, which will ensure that both the the matching of

Mortgage scams boost fraud level

By Jon Ashworth

FRAUD in Britain reached the second-highest point in nine years in 1995, fuelled by mortgage scams and a cashpoint sting which netted thousands of pounds. Recorded cases leapt 52 per cent to £466 million. Fraud against commercial business accounted for nearly a third of all cases,

The sharp rise in cases is disclosed in the 1995 KPMG Fraud Barometer, which charts recorded instances of fraud. The two big cases of 1995. Barings and Daiwa, fall outside the scope of the barometer, because charges were laid outside the UK.

Mortgage fraud featured heavily in 1995, although involving banks dropped by more than 25 per cent last year. The exception was the cashpoint sting, in which a fake buildsystem, saving market users a total of E7 million.

Talks had broken off last year after a fall-out over exchange demands for "seamless trading". However, after rence, chief executive of the

ing society cashpoint mach-

ine was set up in front of a

shop. Account details and PIN numbers inserted were

later used to fraudulently

Adam Bates, KPMG Fo-

rensic Accounting partner.

said: "These cases reveal the

importance of maintaining

strong and effective controls

over the finance of profes-

sional firms, especially cli-

ent funds, and the need for

lenders to keep a tight rein

"It is likely that we will see

even more outlandish schemes used in the future."

The biggest victim last year

was the Government, which

faced losses of up to £249

million on 14 cases, includ-

ing tax fraud. Investors fell

into the next biggest catego-

ry, with 19 cases involving

charges of £134 million.

withdraw funds.

on their controls.

At the heart of the dispute was the link between trading systems at the exchange and the Crest settlement system. The exchange wanted an interface between the two so that by the single input of a trade, all

the settlement and the settle-ment itself take place within

specified timescale

the processes of trading and settlement would be initiated automatically. But the board of Crest feared that contractual arrangements would be blurred and wanted direct input from both sides of the trade so that there would be confirmation that trade and settlement had taken place. CrestCo investigated a vari-

ety of schemes that would deliver the substance of what the exchange demanded while delivering the necessary con-trols. But the exchange had been unwilling to compromise and no form of single input was achieved. The argument over seam-

less trading was the second run-in between the exchange and the Bank. In the early days of Crest when the ownership structure was being established, the exchange demanded majority ownership. However, the Bank felt that. after the £400 million Taurus fiasco, ownership should be more diverse.

Eventually, the exchange accepted a small minority stake in CrestCo, along with other market participants.

The exchange will publish tomorrow its analysis of consultation into proposals for an electronic order-matching system. Mr Lawrence has blamed his dismissal on the opposition from market-makers to such a system. However, the analysis will show that, while marketmakers do oppose the change to the current system, there is also broad opposition from institutional shareholders.



Traders' delight the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe) traded a record 18,040,336 futures and options contracts in February, its busiest month ever, with daily trade worth £210 billion

Private sector pay levels increase

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

PAY settlements in the private sector are running higher than a year ago - with the floor for private sector deals edging up, a new study of wage agreements says today. While pay deals overall are continuing to run ahead of inflation, the study says, in the private sector deals are "certainly stronger" than they were 12 months ago.

In its latest analysis of current wage trends, industriai Relations Services, the independent pay analyst, says pay deals in the new year confirm the pattern of higher-level deals established last summer. While deals are, in the main, staying level at 3.5 per

cent overall, IRS says that

there are signs of buoyancy in

the top 25 per cent of pay

settlements. There, the overall

level of deals has moved up from 3.7 to 4 per cent in a month, and the study says that this trend is reflected in the broad industrial spread of the awards, from car manufacturers to engineering and service sector firms.

Although the Government has recently agreed pay rises for 1.3 million workers in the public sector covered by pay review bodies, IRS says that the decision to stage the awards means that they are unlikely to "add inflationary fuel to pay trends in the coming months".

But in the private sector, the base or floor for deals is rising. The bottom 25 per cent of deals are running at 3.2 per cent or less, IRS says, compared with a steady level of 3 per cent since last September.

Daimler's sale of MTU falls through

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

A JOINT effort by Rolls-Royce and BMW of Germany to buy MTU, the aero-engine business of Dairnler-Benz, have

Existing collaborative agreements between MTU and Pratt & Whitney, Rolls's American rival, have blocked

MTU is involved in the development of three new engines with Pratt & Whitney. Although it would have preferred to sell the business to BMW. Daimler has now presented proposals to Pratt & Whitney that would enable MTU to focus on its core skill as a specialist high-tech aeroengine component supplier.

Daimier officials believe that, with some restructuring, MTU can meet Daimler's 12 per cent target rate of return on capital and thus justify tetention within the group. That raises question marks over MTU's long-term role in warpiane engines.

MTU is a partner, with Rolls-Royce and Turbomecca of Italy, in the manufacture of power plants for the Tornado bomber and the Eurofighter. The move appears to leave

BMW-Rolls set to become Germany's leading aero-en-gine manufacturer. BMW-Rolls is close to completing development of its first engine, the BR700 series, which has been designed to power business jets and airliners of up to

Separately, Daimler has opened discussions with several companies in the hope of selling Dornier, its turbo-prop

Deutsche ready to launch new super era

BY OUR CITY STAFF

DEUTSCHE Morgan Grenfell, flexing its muscles as it seeks to secure a big presence in world investment banking. naugurates its super-trading floor in London today.

The cavernous trading room spanning 36,000 sq ft the size of a football pitch - is one of the largest in London. Built at an estimated cost of £20 million, it will accommodate 600 traders at 462 work stations at the bank's Great Winchester Street head office

Just over 15 months ago Deutsche Bank, Germany's largest commercial bank, merged its investment banking operations with those of Morgan Grenfell, its UK subsidiary, and shocked the German financial community. and the Bonn Government, by locating the entire operation in

Now Deutsche is taking on the American and international powerhouses at the top of investment banking.

Ronaldo Schmitz, the Deutsche board member charged with running Deutsche Mor-gan Grenfell, has placed great confidence in Edson Mitchell, the head of the global markets division that includes dealing and sales in areas such as currencies and debt.

Mr Mitchell, 42, who earns more than the bank board members who appointed him, has already apparently paid for himself by escaping unscathed the sharp decline this year in the global bond markets that snared the

competition. Deutsche Morgan Grenfell employs 7,000 people world-wide, of which 2,000 work for global markets. In the next two to three years, the bank aims to become one of the three largest firms in the global markets area.

in three to five years, the group wants to capture the number one spot globally in terms of profitability and marker share.

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ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

Dealers predict premium for IOC

IOC, which supplies optics to the telecoms industry, should enjoy a healthy premium when it makes its debut on the Alternative Investment Marcompanies tomorrow. David Abrahams, a dealer at Winterflood Securities, exbeing placed at 80p, to open at

about the 100p level.

AIM, which now has 128 companies listed with a total market capitalisation of E2.63 billion, received a big boost last week after Merrill Lynch commenced making markets in the shares of 25 companies. Paul Roy, managing direc-

tor of Merrill Lynch's equity sales and trading in Europe and Asia Pacific, said: "Our willingness to commit capital and other resources to AIM mitment not only to the UK equity market but also to the kets in about 700 UK listed companies. We intend to extend that commitment by providing research coverage through our smaller com-

panies team." Freepages, the telephone directory company, enjoyed a bealthy start to trading on AIM last week, with its shares racing to 1612 p. compared

ration reminded investors of the potential dangers of investing in AIM. Its shares suffered a big setback after the computer products company accompanied increased losses with a profits warning. Shares in Memory Corporation slumped by 107p on Friday to 225p, giving a hefty

loss of 177p on the week. Skyepharma, the pharma ceutical group, pleased the market with four appointents including Walter Zeller, formerly with Ciba-Geigy, as a

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Employers lobby Labour over training levy



Byers: talks

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Trade union leaders across

Europe are set to agree minimum standards for the cre-

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common standards are necessary to ensure the smooth

working of the councils and

to make sure that employees

fairly across Europe.

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But the move is likely to

reinforce opposition to works

councils from the Govern-

ment and business leaders in

the UK, who say the rigid

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Companies in the UK are

increasingly voluntarily

adopting the councils despite

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The ballot result is expected

today on industrial action by

thousands of workers at Uni-

ted Utilities, the merged

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Fujitsu delay

Maastricht treaty.

Ballot result

suit indvidual companies.

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LABOUR is likely to retain training levies for the construction industry in response to pressure from employers. Companies in the engineering con-struction and building industries are to

press Labour to retain a levy in these two sectors when the party unveils its new proposals for the funding of training later this month.

Industry leaders in the two sectors maintain that without the grant-levy system operating, most if not all training will disappear. They say that the industries' special circumstances of

short contracts on projects and a highly mobile labour force coupled with demands for high skill levels mean that training is essential - but that the levy system is the only method which will provide it.

Peter Griffiths, director of the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board, who is to press the industry's case for a levy in talks soon with Stephen Byers, Labour's training

Mr Griffiths says that alternative ideas such as personal training accounts will not work in his industry. The board currently adminsters a £9 million annual levy. He says: "The levy

We will be arguing for special case retention of the present system - not for industry generally, but for our industries.

Labour last year launched a review of its long-standing policy of funding industrial training by means of a statutory levy on companies, coupled to a system of grants.

Business opposes the levy system. and is much more in favour of the incentive-based learning-account ideas which Labour will unveil at the end of this month as its new training policy. The Government also opposes the levy system, and in the 1980s scrapped all

works - there is no question about it. but two of the industrial training boards which used to administer it. insisting that the system was bureau-cratic and inflexible, and did not provide adequate training. Instead, the Government chose locally-based and business-led training and enterprise councils as the main mechanism for delivering training.

But, as part of its new policy, Labour is likely to agree to the calls from employers in the engineering construction and building industries for the retention of the levy-grant system there, in spite of the party's policy move away from the idea in its proposals

Sir Stanley boils it down

SIR STANLEY KALMS. streetwise boss of electrical retailer Dixons, has lost none of his instinct for what the customer wants. Confronted, in his non-executive role at British Gas, by the Network Code, a huge set of rules for operation of the company's pipeline system. Kalms demanded a onepage synopsis. The result actually covers both sides of the sheet, but nonetheless, 10,000 have been snapped up by customers of TransCo, the pipelines business.

JAMES CAPEL is celebrat-

Half way

ing half a legal victory over broker Credit Suisse Asset Management after a High Court wrangle. A ten-man private-client brokers' team previously employed by CSAM is now united at Capels after a High Court ruling that a period of six months gardening leave was reasonable, rather than a full 12 months to which CSAM sought to bind half of them. When last autumn the private-client team resigned, (City Diary, Au-gust 31) CSAM sought to hold the brokers not only to their various notice periods but also to their restrictive covenants. Last week, the matter went to Court. Although the question of leave went in their favour, the team is not happy that indi-vidually each of them is restrained for a further six months from contacting previous clients. As a matter of urgent cy, an appeal has been lodged on the grounds that to deprive a client from

Tucking in IF THE Prince of Wales is

unreasonable.

choice is unfair, unjust and

passing through Morpeth, Northumberland, today, he'll find proprietors Peter Houliston and Alistair Young only too happy to give him a porkey - as in a sausage - in their expanded premises. The previously unemployed pair were granted a £5,000 loan by the Prince's Youth Business Trust to set up Porkeys Sandwich Bar in 1993 and did so well that the Trust loaned a further £5,000 to expand the business. Last year, Porkeys - already winner of the North East Top New Business Award -



reported a turnover of E100,000. At E1.20 to E2 each. that's a lot of sandwiches.

SOMETIMES, you can't win with banks. A colleague asked his German bank in Cologne to draw a cheque from his savings account for DM3,000, only to find the cheque had been made payable to "Tithe Barn", the name of his house.

Gas and gaiters

THE Corporation of London is doing its bit to clean up the City by taking deliv-ery today of its first gas-powered dustcart. John Chalstrey. The Lord Mayor, will formally receive it at St Paul's Churchyard. The Corporation has 13 conventional diesel vehicles costing £95,000 each, but the new truck, at £100,000, should be more environmentally friendly. It runs on natural gas and will, therefore, he something of a companion to the Corporation's single gas-powered Ford Escort van whose sole purpose is to deliver lavatory paper to the City's 30 conveniences. But there's a snag. "We have to drive two miles down the Old Kent Road to get a refill", the man on the back of the cart sighs.

No hiding place

THE long arm of the SFA forever stretches towards justice. In pursuit of an unpaid £250,000 fine imposed on Anthony O'Sullivan, a former broker with Sassoon (Europe), whose deals with the Kuwait Investment Office in the early 1990s led to his being struck off its registers, the SFA is now seeking a High Court order for payment of the fine and costs, along with interest of £32,206 and continuing interest of £51 a day.

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Government opens sale campaign for British Energy

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE Government today launches in earnest its privatisation campaign for British Energy, seeking to convince the City that the nuclear power entity can justify its price tag of about £2.5 billion.

City analysts will hear what BZW, the broker acting for the Department of Trade and Industry, believes are the prospects for the most modern of the power stations and what is likely to be the extent of the generators' liabilities for disposing of waste.

But the presentations, which will gauge City reaction and lead to an eventual flotation price for the reactors belonging to Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear, come as the Government and British Energy, the new company formed from the eight stations, are locked in argument over who should pick up the liabilities bill.

The Government is insistent that the State picks up none of the bill for the estimated EI4 billion liabilities. The company, led by Bob Hawley, chief executive, is equally adamant it should not face privatisation saddled with such a cash commitment. The clash is believed to be so strong that some observers have questioned whether Dr Hawley will survive the fight.

But analysts will also be keen to know what the projec-tions are for the future of British Energy. It is undoubt-

edly a strong cash generator but the future strategy of the company will be fundamental for long-term investment concerns. It has been speculated that the anodyne name of British Energy may signal diversification into non-

nuclear generation. The huge cost of building nuclear plant would seem to prohibit the exhumation of plans for Sizewell C or similar new developments. The eventual flotation price of British Energy is widely expected to fall significantly short of the £2.9 billion cost of the Sizewell

The sale of the nuclear stations is expected to cost the

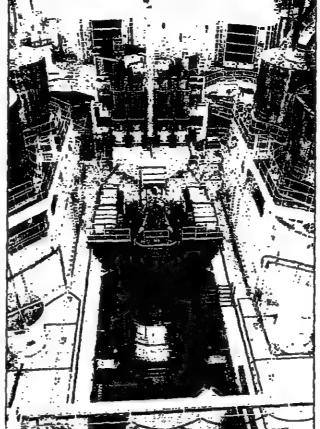
B power station.

taxpayer about £25 million in fees paid to financial and legal advisers, public relations costs

and advertising expenses.

That budget, according to a response by Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, to Margaret Beckett, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, will be spent on 21 companies handling the restructuring and promotion of the nuclear gen-

British Energy was formed through the merger of Scottish Nuclear and Nuclear Electric. It will have about 25 per cent of the electricity market, making it the biggest supplier ahead of National Power, which speaks for a 20 per cent



Last of the line: no new stations like Sizewell B are likely

A&L stops selling endowments

By Caroline Merrell

Building Society will stop selling endowment policies to its customers today as it launches its own life insurance and unit trust companies.

The society said that it had made its decision because it felt the public had become disaffected with the product. Endowments have been crit-

icised strongly for their high charges and low flexibility. Instead, the society will offer

ALLIANCE & LEICESTER customers a personal equity plan to pay off The Alliance & Leicester is

the latest society to set up companies specifically to sell financial products to its own customer base. Halifax. Nationwide and the Woolwich aiready run their own life insurance and unit trust operations, as do all the high street

Alliance & Leicester is also

severing its tie-up with Scottish Amicable. The society is believed to have considered but rejected setting up a joint life company with Scotam. Guy Whiting, the managing

director of the two new companies, said: "We wanted to provide our customers with a straightforward range and He added: "We found that

customers were not interested in bells and whistles. The number of endowments we sell has fallen." He said that endowments now accounted for less than 10 per cent of its new business, down from its peak of 40 per cent.

Mr Whiting said that it was planned to start selling pensions later in the year. In February, Alliance & Leicester announced plans for a stock market Botation.

which is expected to go ahead

next year.

Why bond markets love a slump

ond markets love economic recessions. They relish the lower inflation that slowdown brings, they delight in the private sector's reduced demand for credit. and, best of all, they adore the easy money policies that centrai banks can normally be relied upon to implement to revive their economies. Indeed, the relationship of strong bond prices and weak GDP trends is so reliable and robust that it is tempting to see any hiccup in the former as a consequence of one in the latter.

This probably explains why the analytical community now talks about the strengthening pattern of global economic activity. There is a compulsion to account for the softness of bond markets in recent weeks, and the "recovery" thesis is conveniently plausible - even if it requires extra-sensory perception to identify corroborative evidence. Everyone sees in an inkblot what he is pre-disposed to see, and the market analyst is

more susceptible than most. The reality, more likely, is that levels of activity are still well below capacity. It is not that consumers and industrialists have no spending power. just that they wish not to deploy it. They are pessimistic, Insecurity impels them to use incremental income to pay down old debt; they cannot bring themselves to extend borrowings. This was the picture of the

US economy painted by Alan Greenspan in his recent testimony to Congress. He noted that GDP, after out-growing potential in 1994, was under-shooting it by the end of 1995. The chances of "excesses" developing in the near term were seen as almost negligible.

The situation in Germany is weaker still. Hans Tietmeyer and his "wise" institutes were slow to spot the anaemia, but have gradually begun to do so. Estimates of growth in 1996

are certainly being revised downwards. A maverick mi-

nority already sees the possi-

bility of recession; three

months hence, the consensus

will recognise its inevitability.

convincing evidence of an up-

turn - and, even there, hardly

a frantic one. GDP might

currently have accelerated to

an annualised pace of 2 per

cent. It will possibly quicken

still further in the months

ahead. However, with an out-

put gap (the difference between

capacity and actuality) of as

much as 10 per cent, there is no

Only in Japan is there any

danger of overheating for a couple of years or more. li economics has not been

responsible for the loss of momentum in fixed-interest markets, what has been? There are two possibilities. The first is that the world's central banks have engineered an "unintended" tightening of monetary conditions. The second is that "bedgers" are up to their knavish tricks again. An accidental squeeze on liq-

whenever "tides" (in the form

of seasonal influences) shift un-

reliably. Seasonal adjustment

programs, however sophisti-

cated, are fallible. Based on old

patterns, they cannot antici-

pate new ones. Occasionally,

therefore, the authorities are

too lax. For the economy, such

errors are of no significance.

Long before it can blow the

economy off course, the seas-

onal adjustment glitch will be

much shorter time-scale, how-

ever. A month is a long time in

The investor works to a

uidity will occur from time to time. The authorities may try to steer the monetary ship on a steady course, but will fail

reversed.

GILT-EDGED

markets. A short squeeze (even if it were subsequently reversed) might have a profound impact on valuations — espe-cially if its operation sparked the activities of the second influence mentioned, the hedgers. They pay a good deal of attention to "momentum". They tend to buy what is rising, and sell what is falling. Their actions often, therefore, validate and extend an established trend - however

The February-to-November bond market decline of 1994 may well have been of this sort. What is certain is that there was never any "economics justification for it. Analysts may have thought they spotted one at the time, but, really, "plausible explanation" syndrome was blinding them.

Is it possible that the phenomenon is repeating itself? If so, the message for nonhedging investors is the same as then. So long as the economic auguries remain dull, valuations can be expectlikely to be a little too severe, or ed eventually to recover. The further prices fall now, the more ferociously will they rebound then. Don't sell illogically because others are doing so. Buy logically, instead.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 32

(c) To knead (chocolate) in a concher-machine, a mixer with shelllike appliances like conche shells, which work the chocolate and keep it plastic. When you make chocolate you have to conche it. This means mixing and kneading it in a special machine for a very long time, even days on end, to develop its smoothness and flavour.

FAUNIZONE

(b) A zone characterised by a particular assemblage of fossils, a portmanteau word from fauna animals + zone. Faunizones are the successive faunal facies exhibited in strata."

(a) A measure of land-area in India varying locally from 2 acre to I acre. From the Hindi. Variously transliterated as bigah, begah, and biggah. Warren Hastings, 1763: "I never seized a boya [sic] or a beswa of the land belonging to Calcutta.

(a) A kind of corn or other meal: gruel or porridge made of this. An American-Spanish word derived from the Nahuatl atolli. "A breakfast of barley meal. It is builed in water: the Indians give this food the name of atole.

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar 1.5282 (-0.0121) German mark 2.2558 (+0.0211) Exchange index 83,6 (+0.3) Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share 2775.5 (+14.9) FT-SE 100 3752.7 (+12.4) **New York Dow Jones** 5536.56 (-93.93) Tokyo Nikkei Avge 20168.63 (-131.75)

The missing link between Labour's policy intentions and the means to achieve them is the most elusive political grail of the age. Green folk thrilled to Tony Blair's speech on the environment at the Royal Society last week. Those used to his rhetoric on other subjects remained under-

standably more sceptical. Today, there is one positive sign. Frank Dobson, Labour's environment spokesman, is giving vocal backing to a campaign by the Environmental Industries Commission to stop delays in controls being applied to industries that pollute the air with solvents. Dragging our feet, he says, allows foreign competitors to get ahead and grab the lion's share of a huge world market in clean-up equipment and technology. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, would probably not disagree with a word. He might even add a few. But practical politics often spoils good intentions.

Until now. Mr Dobson's main attack has been on the prices, profits and failures of privatised water companies. Yet this industry has spent more money and effort in the 1990s than any other to cut pollution, improve the purity of its product and aid public health. Envi-

Kvaerner has

in its sights.

George Sivell

is a bid target

the fire in the engine room of

the Sagafford, Trafalgar, the

parent company, was going on

to bid alert after a takeover

approach from Kvaerner, the

Norwegian shipbuilding and

engineering group.

Cleaning up dross can turn green into gold

ronmental economic indicators of the kind that Mr Blair pledged are already made up by the OECD in Paris. They suggest, for instance, that Britain has a better record on water supply and sewage treatment than most comparable countries.

Environmental issues are often not black and green, but shades of grey. Estuarial barrages could generate power without emissions of sulphur dioxide, greenhouse gases or other nasties. But they would probably bring catastrophe to exist-ing wildlife. Nuclear power is panacea for some, anathema to others.

in reality, no large-scale energy production is environmentally friendly. As Mr Blair rightly twigged, saving energy is the only reliably green answer. But attempts to cut consumption are bound to conflict with the dynamaics of the energy market. Energy-saving appliances and domestic insulation could have been subsidised heavily from



surplus cash in electricity companies. In this area, however, tax and price signals have to be pretty garish to achieve results. As the Government discovered over VAT on fuel, they usually cause most pain to the poorest and force big permanent increases in public spending. Much anger is caused by similar arguments over transport.

Fortunately, huge opportunities

more than match the problems. As and devastation of developing countries grow hand in hand, the technologies that can help have become some of the fastest growing. They will help the manufacturing sectors of high-wage countries to retain a competitive advantage.

Such industries are worth nurtur-

ing. Politically, that is common ground. The best and strongest companies always keep ahead of the game. The average company cleans up its act only when obliged to do so by regulation, even if the cost of the clean-up is often paid for by improved efficiency.

fore depend on government to introduce regulations. They depend even more on government being consistent. That does not mean their interests are paramount. The Commons Environment Select Committee rejected any delay in the original

deadline for solvent emissions, but it is hard for outsiders to judge. It is clearly wrong to make one decision. and then change it four years later, bringing a two year hiatus in orders for anti-pollution contractors. Those who have invested in R&D look stupid, instead of inspired. The contractors were not consulted.

deter would-be environmental growth companies. The scandal of the Brent Spar North Sea platform was really the policy enunciated by Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister. The late of all rigs would be dealt with on an individual case by case basis. How can a new British industry with world potential develop on that basis? When it comes, the work will probably go abroad. A potential industry to clean up coalfired power stations was smothered

by practice, which hones skills and solves problems. When you lag behind, you tend to stay behind. leaving the market to others. Tony Blair, like others, will find that there sure way to turn green into gold.

The return of

Controlled paranoia: an inoculation against real horrors. Straight Controlled paranoia: an inoculation against real horrors. Straight from the horse's mouth — Professor Quatermass himself, no less—comes an explanation of why BBCtv's scientific wonderman embarked on his world-threatening encounters with alien life forms in the 1950s. Nigel Kneale, the television serials' creator, brings the professor (Andrew Keir) out of retirement to dictate his memoirs to a woman reporter. Kneale parallels the imagined horrors in the Quatermass stories with reminders of what was casting a dark shadow of fear over the real world of the 1950s. There are another four episodes to come. I will be glued to my radio set.

In the Fifties. Radio 3, 8,35pm.

There are as many soundly-based specifics as debatable generalisations in this documentary about the teenagers' revolutions in the 1950s. Ronald Pickup reads from the memoirs of Peter Vansittart who taught at a progressive, pupil-led school in Hampstead during the inhibition-shedding decade. Inevitably, grown-ups were caught in the younger generation's assault on the barricades of convention. One mother liked her daughter to call her fold cow. Other papers dismissed as mere self-expression the "old cov". Other parents dismissed as mere self-expression the damage their offspring caused to guests, furniture and animals. Clearly, something was seriously amiss when one Lancashire town had 53 pubs and not a single youth club.

Peter Davalle

WORLD SERVICE

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4.00em Mark Griffiths 6.00 Nick Bailey 9.00 Humphrey Burton 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jame Crick 6.00 Newsright 6.30 Sonata 7.00 Ken Plussell's Movie Classics: Screen

Lovers (10/13) 8,00 Concert 10,00 Micheel Mappin 1.00mm Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

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RADIO 5 LIVE

TALK RADIO

8.00am Ruse 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dens 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Mark Formet 2.00-6.00mm Robin Benka

3.45 Music for Organ, played by Jonathan Bielby 4.30 Milliantions. The lines programme on the compo and planist Theionious Moni 5.00 The Music Meditine In

Scane, Bons Godunov); 8.30

trumpet, Joanna MacGregor, piano, Guy Barker and Law Soloff, Jazz trumpets; London Shritonletta under MacKus Stagz perform Necessaria Stanz perform Nancarrow, arr Mikhashoff (Player Piano Study No 7); Bernd-Alols Zimmermann (Trumpet Concerto, Nobody Knows de (Concerto for prepared plano); 8.35 in the Fifties.

Hermann's score for the film

Eagle comic (2/5)

10.45 Mixing It. Highlights from the first of three New Aural concerts from the Conway Hall in London

4.45 Short Story: Jasonland, by Dawn Lowe-Watson Read by Roben Glenister

6.00 Shr O'Clock News 6.30 Just a Minute (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 News 7.35 The Actiers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (/)
7.45 The Monday Play: Battle for the Dome. Jean Binnie's

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drama about the hostile atmosphere surrounding the building of the dome of

Plorence cathedral in the 15th

5.00 PM with Chris Lowe and Jacke Hardgrave 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55

2.45 First Steps in Drama 2.45 First Steps in Drama 2.60 The BBC Orchestres. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestre under Thomas Sanderling performs Tchaikovsky (Suite

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing and weather 6.10 Farming Today 8.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl. 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Tickle the Public, Matthew Engel charts 100 years in the history of popular daily newspapers from 1896-1996 (3/6) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week.

News 9.05 Start the Week presented by Melvyn Bragg and Jane Thymne, With Tony Arthur Marwick and Pete

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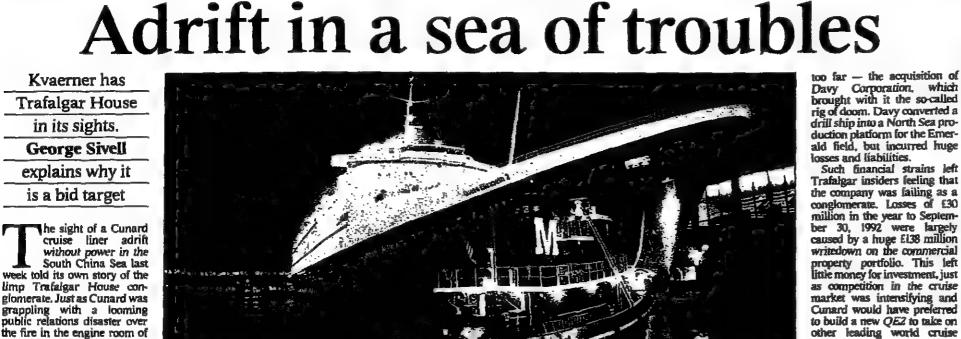
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ters (LW)

11.00 Education Matters (LW)
11.30-12.00 After Eden (FN only)
Drama sense by Alison
Leonard about a woman
priest (4/6) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Foreign
Parts, by Januce Galloway

Parts, by Janice Galloway Read by Siobhan Redmond

FREQUENCY GUIDE, RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94 6; LW 198; MW 720, RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE MW 646; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO FM 105.8; MW 1197. 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Maxey, Rosenzry Smith and Susan Thomson



Trafalgar had to repay £8.4 million to passengers because of delays in refitting the Queen Elizabeth 2

While the crisis PR drill should be well enough rehearsed by Trafalgar, after the erty, contracting and at sea, disastrous 1995 QE2 world Trafalgar appeared well shelcruise, the need to man the bid tered from a bid because it defences comes as a complete seemed unlikely that anyone surprise to outsiders and inwould want it and because it was protected by the 26 per cent stake held by Jardine siders alike. The result of tripartite talks is expected early Matheson, the Far East con-In spite of problems in propglomerate, after its Hongkong

Land offshoot helped a rescue rights issue for Trafalgar in

Jardine had ideas and ambitions for Trafalgar. Trafalgar, with Simon Keswick at the helm, became the first bidder for a privatised regional elec-tricity company. Mr Keswick,

"NOT EVERYTHING

IN BLACK AND WHITE

AT 9.20 AND 10.15 TONIGHT ON ITV AND CHANNEL 4

MAKES SENSE"

GUINNESS

a farmer in the Scottish borders, made a bid for neighbouring Northern Electric. The deal would have transformed Trafaigar, Cashilow from an electricity utility would have cut debts and would have been protected by company bid proof. Nobody £300 million or so of stored up

tax shelter, created by Trafalgar's history of huge losses. Northern, however, managed to cling on to its indepen-dence by offering shareholders a string of incentives, bonuses and special dividends, which in turn has rendered the

else will pay out. Jardine started eyeing up Trafalgar after Sir Nigel Broackes and Sir Eric Parker. accounts, its two founders, left the main charge of £8.4 million covering

payoffs of £1.9 million. This was a sorry end to almost 30 years of empire building that had seen the acquisition of great British names in engineering under the patriotic Trafalgar banner, and the acousisition of deluxe brand names such as Cunard, the Ritz hotel in London, Their exit from the

strike by the Fi-

nancial Report-

ing Review

Panel, an off-

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board with

boardroom in 1992 came after a dramatic

Keswick: bid thwarted



Standards Board, which took exception to the £122 mil-Broackes: joint founder

lion pre-tax profit reported by Trafalgar or the year to September 30, 1991. After the threat of legal action by the ASB, Trafalgar restated its 1991 profits at £19.7

Shareholders vented their anger at the January 1993 annual meeting by calling for the resignation of Touche Ross as auditors. By then, shareholders had already had enough. The beginning of the end was heralded by one deal



ture hinges on the continuing bid talks with the Norwegians. One can only speculate on the attraction of Kvaerner to Trafalgar. On construction, Trafaigar

said in its recent annual report that it its UK operations remain a source of major concern although overseas opportunities are better. Further British rationalisation is likely. Engineering remained in losses and the commercial property divisions look bleak.

RISE AND FALL OF TRAFALGAR

1965 — Trafalgar House Investments Ltd is formed 1966 — Trafaigar House goes public

1967 — Buys Ideal Home 1968 — Buys builder Trollope & Colls

1970 — Buys civil engineer Cementation

- Buys Cunard shipping company 1982 - Buys Redpath Dorman Long. floats off Fleet Holdings

Buys John Brown Engineering usitions include 40 per cent stake in British Rail

engineering company BREL Demerges Hardy Oil and Gus interests 1991 — Buys Davy Corporation 1992 — Sells BREL stake, Hongkong Land takes 26 per cent

Sir Nigel Broackes steps down

- Fails to take over Northern Electric 1995 - Sells Ritz Hotel in London for £75 million

1996 — Sells Ideal Homes for £170 million 1996 — Begins takeover talks with Kvaerner

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RADIO CHOICE Quatermass

This is not the only example to

in infancy by like perfidy.

Comparative advantage is built

Environmental industries there-

are conflicts between environmental concerns and competitiveness. Planning ahead sensibly with polluters and environmental industries is one

Plans were drawn up but

the cost of building could not

be met, much to Cunard's dis-

appointment, especially when

P&O revealed plans to build

the Oriana superliner. The

consequence was a decision to

refit the existing QE2 at a planned cost of £20 million or

Cunard had intended to

finish the refit before the start

of the QE2 round-the-world

cruise in 1994-95, but the work

over-ran and was still contin-

uing as passengers sailed

away from Southampton. The

result is to be found on page 42 of Trafalgar's 1995 report and

an exceptional

repayments to

passengers.

The ill-fated re-

fit also claimed

the job of John Olsen,

ironically, had

been sent in by

Jardine Mathe

marketing of Cunard's ships.

Prior to the

bid talks with

Kvaerner being

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Trafalgar had

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RADIO 1

RADIO 2

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6.90am Sandy Warr 7.00 Simon Bates 19.00 Jonathan King 12.00 Tohrmy Boyd 2.00pm Anne Raeburn 4.00 Scott Chisholm 7.00 Seen Bolger 9.00 Moz Dec 10.00 James Whale 1,00-5.00mm

Concerto); Chaminade

Baker, mezzo, singe Gumey (Sleep); 10.04 Tchaikovaloy (Overrure, 1812); Saint-Saint (Pjano Concerto No 2 in G

m(nor); Schumann (Frauen-llebe und -leben); Vivaldi (Cello Sonata in E flat); 11,18

Trad (Scandinavian chorale tunes): Satinen (String Quartet No 1): Brahms (Denn es gehet dem Menschen) Composers of the Week: Deliber and Mensenet.

including Delibes (Overture, Velse, Coppélia; L'Omelette à la Follembournes);

Masseriat (Pastorale et Fugue, Suite No 1) Opin BBC Lumchtime Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square, London, Michala Petri, recorder, Lars Hamibal, guitarfuta D Schools. The Song Tree 2.15 Storybox 2.25 Let's Move 2.45 Erct Stores to Drama

RADIO 3

6.00em On Air. Stravinsky (The Fairy's Kas); Vivaidi (Concerto in A. Le Stravegenze); Beethoven (Overture, Leonore No 2); 8,03 Lyaloshymsky (March and Pavane, Romeo and Juliat); Massenet (Méditation

Nushville, presented by Secan Walker 5.15 In Tune. Tchakovsky (Serenade, Op 42 No 2); 6.03 arr Godowsky (Moment musical No 3 in F minor); Schubert (String Quartet No 6 in D); 8-25 Barber (Cello

ive from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, John Walace,

Monk (A selection of works lor solo plano); Gil Evans/Miles Davis (Suite, Miles Ahead: The Pan Piper, Solea, Sketches of Spain) 19.05 The Quantumess Momolin.

See Choice 10.25 Sel-FI Sounds, Featuring excerpts from Bernard The Day the Earth Stood Stiff 10.40 Five from the Fifties. The

-12.30am Ensemble Endellion Quartel (r)

1.00 The World at One
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (f) 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Plann, by Jane
Campon and Kate Pullinger.
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Wandor. With Stella Gonet
3.00 The Atternoon Shift, with

Seeing Things by Peter Tinniswood, With Christian Finnswood, With Christian Rodska (4/5)
9.30 Kaleldoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime; My Autobiography, by Charles Chaplin (1/10) |r)
11.00-11.30 Destinations (FM only) Fifth of a so-part sense of irreverent discussions on travel themses (r)

(1/7) (r) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

A hook(er) on which to hang a second series

lification" he had no idea how handy it would be, especially where ITV's Band of Gold is concerned. The phenomenal success of Kay Mellor's first series about her Bradford prostitutes derived from the obvious allure of prurience and dramatic suspense, but also from the weekly treat of seeing goodlooking actresses made to look like alley cats after two wash-cycles in a Zanussi. Hair and legs all over the place, lipstick lopsided, powder thick, skirt round the burn. Last night, in the first of the new series, Tony Doyle (George, baddie) cruised past Barbara Dickson (Anita, stupid) in his Jag. "Anita, I thought it was you," he called. "Recognised the jacker." It sounds like an insult, but in this context it was the nicest thing he could say. In television drama, they tend to talk Hollywood these days. "Does

Then Lewis Carroll init have legs? they ask. Band of hang from cliffs, survive stam-Gold was always more than happy to help in this regard, but the question really means "will it run?" and it's still early to say whether the very tightly constructed first series can turn into a continuing saga. Luckily, all the original principals are still on board - Cathy Tyson, Geraldine James, Barbara Dickson and Samantha Morton - and they have all been encouraged to stay up late at night, obviously, and renounce their skincare regimes. But the conclusion of the last series never looked terribly promising as a follow-on. I mean, when prostitutes go straight, especially with a cleaning business, that's usually the end of the sex murders, surely? You may remember Garrison Keillor's failed cowboy writer (in his story Your Book Saved My Life, Mister), who can't help spoil-ing his plots. His heroes forge

through bloody Indian battles,

pedes, and then all the tension dissipates. They stand in their stirrups and say, "I could go either way and he happy - west, south, you name it. I don't need to go west, or anything. You choose," Similarly, lavvies and bleach may be unpleasant, especially in a gritty northern context, but they somehow lack the potential for danger of an anonymous punter with a bondage fetish on a dark night. Only in the final seconds last night did the true unpleasantness start, when George ran his Jag at Anita and left her for dead. As a hook for next week it was desperate, but it worked.

uriel Spark gave a rare interview to Bookmark (Satur-L day, BBC2), and it was like creme de la creme - ie. it was rich and special, but hardly a mouthful. When writers or actors

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

consistently refuse to give interviews, it is usually wise to smell a rat. Either they are boring, or shy, or else they genuinely believe that their life is their work. Spark is the latter. For years she has lived in Italy, removed from the British literary scene. Her autobiography stops at the point when she started writing novels. To the question, "How do you see yourself?" she answered on Saturday: "I don't

really see myself at all very much." In her younger days, she looked great on television - with energetic hair like Jackie O, a big clear forchead, and excellent Edinburgh diction. An archive dip showed her at Haworth in 1961, in a headscarf, talking about her love of churchyards, and the ease with which she communed with the dead. But there is no reason why a great writer should talk interestingly about their own work, and nowadays the deficiency can be easily supplied by David Lodge talking technical, or old acquaintances talking personal. Not that the personal life was explored much; Spark's child, born in Africa, was mentioned only as an infant. Postwar relationships were not mentioned at all.

As a child, Spark said she stared at things, and at people - "just looked and looked" - to "get the essence out of it". As her fans will know, this is a knack she has long

perfected, which was why, when a description of bombed houses in The Girls of Slender Means (1963) was read aloud by David Lodge, it was unnecessary to show generic archive footage of a scene similar. Excuse the whinny of hobbyhorse here, but this practice always gives me the pip. Instead of listening to the words during such illustrated passages. I just notice how the pictures don't fit.

The weekend's theme of spooked or spooky women was neatly rounded off by The Sculptress (Saturday and Sunday, BBCI) - a psycho drama that carved four hours out of one's life for surprisingly little return. Beautifully directed by Stuart Orme, nicely acted by Pauline Quirke and Caroline Goodall, it wasn't about much. It turned out (I think) that Quirke had probably not committed the murders she'd confessed to.

and on shaky new evidence she was pardoned and released with improbable ease this process necessarily glossed over). In investigating Quirke's story for her book, Goodall exposed herself to danger among bikers and psychos, but on the plus side acquired a nice boyfriend who could cook, I didn't understand about the candles.

Finally, in the battle for laughs on Friday nights, BBC2 is doing damn well, with The Fast Show and Fist of Fun both maturing into extremely funny stuff, without changing anything. Proving that Harry Enfield is not the only person who can do retro Ealing accents, The Fast Show has invented an old radio show - How Queer! -- which is so convincing in its inane catchphrases that it starts to seem quite real, "Where's me washboard?" and "Can I be of any assistance?" ought to be things you can say in bus queues, when the mood needs lightening up.

LAMPIBBED NEWSCOOL 24 6.00am Business Breakfast (12278) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (43549)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) 9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (2738487)

9.45 Kilroy (8) (8472742) a 10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (8) (19013)

12.00 News (Ceetax), regional news and weather (2516907) 12.05pm Turnabout (5939549) 12.30 Going for a Song. Antiques panel game (s) (31617) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and

weather (46636) 1.30 Regional News and weather (39015159) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceetax) (94150365) 2.00 Pebble Mill with Leslie Thomas and Pam

St Clement (s) (8838013) 2.40 Rich Man, Poor Man (7/12) (1542742) 3.30 The Busy World of Richard Scerry (s) (8256617) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (s) (5393487) 4.10 The Chipmunics (r) (s) (4081669) 4.35 The Genie from Down

Under (Ceetax) (s) (2222636) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefex) (3071988) 5.10 Blue Peter (Caelax) (s) (1681636) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (a) (935362) 5.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather

8.30 Regional News Magazines (723) 7.00 Eureka. Highlights from the last series. presented by Matthew Kelly (Ceelax)

7.30 Watchdog. C. (Ceefax) (s) (907) Consumer magazine

8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (5075) 8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart: Let's Get Away from It All. Gary's life is on the move in both time zonea as Yvonne seta her heart on a new flat and Phoebe wants to leave the Royal Oak. (Ceelax) (s)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8520)

9.30 Panorama: Empress on the Rocks. The inside story on what really happened to the Sea Empress. (Ceefax) (341297) 10.10 FILM: A Kiss Before Dying (1991) stamng Matt Dillon, Sean Young and Diane Ladd. A woman is devastated by the violent death of her twin eleter and convinced that she has been murdered, starts her own investigation. Directed by James Dearden (Ceetax) (s) (2882452) WALES: 10.10 A Parent's Guide 10.25 FILM: A Kiss before Dying 11.55 How to be a Little S'd 12.05am Film 96 with

Barry Norman 12.35-2.00 FILM. The Gangster 11.40 Film 96 with Barry Norman. An Anthony

Hopkins special, (Ceelax) (s) (366636) 12.10em FILM: The Gangater (1947, b/w) starring Barry Sutilivan A man who has managed to pull himself out of the gutter to become a successful gangster realless his life is empty — he has no triends and has never known happiness. This realisation inghtens him more than any physical threat ever has, and he begins to doubt himself. Directed by Gordon Wiles (2636259)

1.35 Weather (2312722)

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BBC2 6.00am Open University: Out of Sight, Out of Mind (9097568) 6.25 Caring for Data (9076075) 6.50 The Present in the Past:

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signing) (1186723) 7.30 Stingray (r). (Ceefax) (57742) 8.00 Blue Peter (r). (Ceefax) (s) (61159) 8.30 Songs of Praise (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2332988)

9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes Plus, for children, 10.00-10.25 Playdays (4917655) 2.00 Joshua Jones (r) (83348839)

2.15 FILM: Passport to Terror (1989) starring Lee Remick, A fact-based drama about a woman's dream cruise that turns into a nightmare. Directed by Lou Antonio, (Ceetax) (721556) 3.55 News (Ceetax), regional news and weather

4.00 Today's the Day. History quiz (s) (636) 4.30 Ready, Steedy, Cook (s) (520) 5.00 Esther The pros and cons of childhood fame (a) (7433)

5,30 The Village. Real-life dramas in a Hampshire village (491623) 8,55 Turning Points. Jen Frencis visits the Royal Opera House, where she decided to leave the Royal Ballet and become an

6,00 Space Precinct: Deathwatch. The second of a two-part science-fiction police drama. (Ceetax) (s) (654510) 8.45 The Big Trip. The final leg of the eight-part travel saries. (Ceelex) (s) (207742)



Muriel Gray takes aim (7.30pm)

7.30 Under Exposed: Our Hidden Photos. (Cesiax) (a)

8,00 Workzon: Death By Design (Ceefsx) (8) (446029) A Bad Time to Be a Mark The Myth of Male Power. (Ceefax) (s) (497181)

9.00 Our Friends in the North. The penultimate episode following 30 years in the lives of four Geordie friends. (Ceefax) (8) (1522100) 10.15 Under Exposed: Collections. Muriel Gray looks at the collections of

photographs in the Public Record Office in Kew, and at the Hutton Deutsch in London. (Ceefax) (254384) 10.30 Newsnight with Jaramy Paxman

(Ceefax) (106471) 11.15 The Brains Trust. Mary Ann Sleghart of The Times is joined by the accentist Richard Dawkins, the philosophers Nancy Certwright and Paul Heim and the historian Theodore Zeidin. Last in the series (s) (249182)

11,55 Weather (960636) 12.00 Midnight Hour, Political chat (6) (23259) 12.30am-5.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE Under Exposed

BBC2, 7.30pm Photographs do not have the status in Britain that they enjoy elsewhere, which is why so much of our photographic heritage is being lost to the United States. This series is partly a plea to take photographs more seriously and partly an invitation to viewers to look out their collections. The most notable finds will be shown on future programmes. To whet the appetite, the presenter Muriel Gray calls on the Royal Photographic Society in Bath for a taste of the work of Victorians such as Julia Margaret Cameron and Roger Fenton. We also hear from unusual private collectors, such as Rosemary Wheeler who has 4,000 photos of weddings and Stephen Bull with his amazing pictorial record of family holidays at Butlins.

Horizon: Death By Design

BBC2. 8.00pm Not many Horizon films include clips from a Harold Lloyd comedy and a Busby Berkeley dance routine, but if the presentation is elaborate, not to say idiosyncratic, the central point is simple. Death By Design is about cells and the recent trend in biology to think of them not so much in terms of life and growth but of death. But so-called cell death is a positive thing and the programme uses everyday analogies to make this clear. One is the very process of making a television documentary, during which the vast majority of the footage shot ends up on the cutting room floor. In a similar way, biology works by producing thousands of cells and picking the few that work. If this sounds abstract, the results of cell death going wrong are tangible enough. Cancer, for instance, is caused by an excess of cells and Aids by a loss of them.

A Bad Time to be a Man: The Myth of Male Power BBC2. 8.50am

The proposition behind this series of opinions is that despite what feminists claim, men are by no means the challenging contribution from an American writer, Warren Farrell. He fills his alloned ten minutes with statistics designed to demolish common "myths". One is that men earn more than women for doing the same work. Another is that women are more likely to be victims of violence. A third is that the male-dominated medical community neglects women's health. Farrell points out that men have the most dangerous jobs, constitute 85 per cent of street homeless and 75 per cent of murder victims, and die, on average, seven years sooner. He takes his data from the United States but claims it is applicable here. Let the arguments begin.

Eleven Men Against Eleven Channel 4, 9.00pm

Andy Hamilton's football comedy gets repeated less than a year after its first showing, but there should be few complaints. The only caveat is that Hamilton's desire for topicality, echoing his scripts for Drop the Dead Donkey, may make the inless clightly less fresh the second make the jokes slightly less fresh the second time around. Tearing his material from the headlines, Hamilton has a manager sacked for taking bungs, a goalkeeper bribed to throw matches, a Cantona-style assault and feer jobs. far-right hooligans stirring up crowd trouble. The script is rich in other quips and references that perhaps only the more committed football buffs will pick up. They are pressed into service for the tale of a corrupt club chairman (Timothy West) lighting to save his team from relegation and a new manager (James Bolam) who harks back to more innocent days. Peter Waymark

2.60 Cooking at the Academy (4846365) 3.20 News (Teletext) (1394623) 3.25 Regional News (Telejext) (2744164) 3.30 Rainbow Days (s) (5212568) 3.40 Tots TV (s) (2210723) 3.50 Budgle the Little Helicopter (5216384) 4.05 Scooby Doo (4150636) 4.15 Harry's Mad (Teletext) (s) (930161) 4.46 Art Attack (Teletext) (s)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (2640278)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (4994704)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (8106617)

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12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (7462758)

12.55 Shortland Street (a) (7374549) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (4328100) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (30231433) 2.25 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (30250568)

6.00am GMTV (2550948)

10.35 This Morning (98158891)

5.10 The List (9118839) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (558365) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (a)

6.25 HTV News (Teletaxt) (191520) 6.45 Sportsweak (Teletext) (317902)



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7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers, presen-Forbes. With pop group Eternal (s) (4723) 7.30 Coronation Street. Liz arrives for work with a black eye (Teletext) (425)

8.00 World In Action. A disturbing look at the state of patient care at St George's Hospital, Tooting (Teletext) (s) (3471) 8.30 Kavanagh QC.Kavanagh is supposed to nell a suspected drugs dealer but learns it does not always pay to believe his own witnesses (Teletext) (97592)

10.00 News at Ten and weather (Teletext) 10,30 Regional News (Teletaxt) (398075)

10.40 FILM: Body Heat (1981). Kathleen Turner makes a thrilling film debut sa a socialite who ensures a naive young lawyer, William Hurt. The lovers plot the murder of her husband, Ted Dar the Insurance money. Directed by Lawrence Kaşdarı (71222926)

12,45 Bushell on the Box (a) (30143) 1.15 Football Extra (5464143) 2.00 Customs Classified (6422563) 2.45 Jones and Jury (s) (5471389)

2.05 FILM: Tiger by the Teil (1955) starring Larry Parks Constance Smith and Lisa Daniely. An American finds himself embroiled in a counterfier racket while working in Landan. Directed by John Gilling (4757768) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (41230)

5.00 An invitation to Remember (r) (93105) 5,30 Morning News (11414)

As HTV WEST except: 5.10pm-5.40 Ready Money (9118839) 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (599075)

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2.55-3.20 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (3866487) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9118839) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (34704)

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6.25-7.00 Central News (599075) 12.45am Footbatt Extra. Gabriel Clarke introduces action from all three divisions of the Endsleigh League (3738969)

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2.25 FiLM: Buchanan Rides Alone (1958, b/w) starring Randolph Scott. A western adventure directed by Budd Boetticher

4.00 Backdate. (Teletext) (a) (704) 4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (988)

 Keepers of the Kingdom; Secret. World of Bats. A wildlife documentary. filmed by Dieter Plage on five continents (r). (Telelext) (s) (1836) 6.00 The Cosby Show (r). (Teletext) (181)

6.30 Hollyoaks. Phil Redmond's teen sosp. (Teletext) (8) (433)

7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (718433) 7.55 The Slot (631278) 6.00 Hooked. Carol, Susanna and Linda are

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9.00 Eleven Men Against Eleven (r). (Teletaxt) (s) (1052704) 10.25 FILM; Scorchers (1991) starring Emily Lloyd, James Wilder and Jennifer Tilly. A risque melodrama set during one riight in a small Louisiana bayou town. With Faye Dungway, Denholm Elliott, James Earl Jonas and Leland Crooke. Directed by David Beard. (Teletext) (s) (843636)

12.00 FILM: Ten Seconds to Hell (1959, b/w) starring Jack Pelance, Jet Chancker and Martine Carol. A drama set in post-Second World War Berlin, about six German soldiers who return from a British prisoner-of-war camp to form a bombdisposal squad, with the Intention of pooling half their pay and the survivor or survivoral sharing the money after a period of three months. Directed by Robert Aldrich (465766) 1.45sm The Other Americas: Future Without Bullets. The last in the series

centres on the process that led to peace negotiations in El Salvador (r) (8) (66108766) 4.00-5.00 Schools: Eurakai (78230)

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Bleeding (1993) (670617) 11.50 Bitter Harvest (1993) (232891) 1.30am Foreign Body (1996) (989414) 3.20-5.20 Night-mare City (1987) (12309853) SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Weterloo Bridge (1940) (8986) 6.00 Flying Down to Rto (1933) (42592) 8.00 House of Games (1937) (13297) 10.00 The Omen (1976) (585075) 11.55 The Lovers! (1972) (318094) 1.25-3.25cm The Milky Way (1988) (156327) THE MOVIE CHANNEL 5.00am The Black Rose (1950) (38988) 8.00 Connecticut Yenkes (65297) 10.00 Who Done It? (1942) (79991) 12.00 Burske Slockade (1949) (46520) 2.00am Ceptain January (1936) (14988) 4.00 Contrecticut Yenkes (4988) 8.00 The Big Game (1995) (27452) 8.00 Black Fox (1994) (38297) 10.00 Beverly Hills Cop III (1993) (327013) 11.55 Beyond Suspicion (1993) (299704) 1.35em 29th Street (1991) (649747) 3.15-5.15 The Thing Cellett Leng (1993) (51312211)

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10.00pm Golden Arrows: Phil Taylor v Mike Gregory 1992 (2680723) 10.30 Bubby Charlton's Footbell Scrapbook (2416013) 12.00-1.00em Classic Grand Nationals

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MONDAY MARCH 4 1996

BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

MoD team to urge entry to European defence pact

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE most senior procurement committee of the Ministry of Defence is today expected to recommend that Britain joins France and Germany in a three-nation armoured vehicle programme, paving the way for Britain to join the nascent European

Armanents Agency.

Membership of the agency would pave the way for wide-ranging collaboration in weapons design. development and procurement, and is expected to trigger a wave of

mergers and collaboration deals among European arms companies. The recommendation by the Equipment Advisory Committee comes after a meeting on Friday between James Arbuthnot, the Procurement Minister, and Henri Conze, the French procurement

agency chief.
Volker Rühe, Germany's Defence
Minister, has made British participation in the Multi-Role Armoured Vehicle (MRAV) project for a "battle-field taxi" into an entry test for membership of the Franco-German procurement agency established ear-

lier this year. The agency is de- to have told Mr Arbuthnot that, as signed to achieve economies by sharing weapon development costs and increasing production runs.

Herr Rühe had earlier given Britain until the end of February to sign up to the MRAV project, insisting that Britain must accept a Franco-German design with many components made in French and German factories. That would have raised the cost, and made it hard for British companies to win work on a 3,000-vehicle project costing the three governments up to £3 billion.

However, M Conze is understood

part of its procurement review, published 12 days ago, France now wants a lighter, simpler vehicle. Herr Ruhe has also softened his stance, telling the MoD that he is willing to proceed on the basis of looser specification. However, it remains unclear how France — with only one, state-owned armoured vehicle maker, Giat - will accommodate British demands for the

project to go to competitive tender.

The speed with which a European solution has moved back up the agenda has astonished industry bosses. One said: "Only a week ago, it was going to be very touch and go. There were strong camps within the MoD in favour of a European

solution, and going it alone." However, the French need for a lighter vehicle suits Britain well. The MoD wants to buy 1,000 wheeled MRAVs for use behind the front line. It also wants 1,000 more heavily armoured, tracked combat vehicles. Joining the European programme will avoid the need for a compromise design to fulfil both roles.

Vickers, builder of the Challenger 2 tank, has already formed an

alliance with the German tank-builder Thyssen-Henschel to work on MRAV and follow-on projects if Britain joins the Euro-agency. It has also held talks with Giat.

Alvis is understood to have made contact with MAK, a second German armoured vehicle manufacturer. GKN, builder of the Warrior personnel carrier, and Westland helicopters, is believed to have lobbied Michael Portillo, Defence Secretary. for an all-British solution, but may link with Krauss-Maffei, builder of Germany's Leopard tank, if MRAV is put out to competitive tender.

Eagle sequel: Bob Ellis, chief executive of Visual Action Holdings, the last subsidiary of the failed Eagle Trust conglomerate, whose shares make their stock market debut on

Lehman **Brothers** fined

A LEADING City watchnounce today that it has fined Lehman Brothers, the US investment bank, £80,000 plus undisclosed costs over dealings it had with the private companies of the late Robert Maxwell (Robert Miller writes).

The bank has already been part of a global settlement with the Maxwell pension funds in a separate

The Securities and Fotures Authority (SFA), which polices brokers and futures dealers, is believed to have found the bank guilty of breaching rules laid down by the Securities and investments Board, the chief City watchdog, about keeping proper records and supervising

staff adequately.
Disciplinary proceedings against Lehman Brothers were concluded in December. It is believed, however, that the delay was to ensure no clash between the SFA fine and the recent completion of the criminal trial of affairs relating to the Maxwell group of companies.

A spokesman for Leh-man Brothers said yesterday: "The notice will make it clear we were not wrong to enter into these transactions [and] that Lehman Brothers did not know or have reason to know that Taisir money for his private companies and the SFA do not allege that Lehman Brothers caused any of the losses to the pension funds.

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DTI looks into aid for firms that failed

BY ROBERT MILLER

include Moderntask, given £78,228, which failed in May

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undertaking similar work.

was incorporated in March

1994 at the same address and awarded £22,000 in 1993-94.

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Other South West com-

panies involved in the asset

transfer chain that have sub-

sequently failed include livens

Services, Avocet (UK) Ltd,

Ridgewood Holdings and

with Devon and Corriwall

Ridgewood Industries.

directors later became a Thim-

bles director.

TENS of millions of pounds of taxpayers' money has been poured into companies and projects in the South West of England that have subsequently gone into receivership.

The scale of the losses has so alarmed the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) that a full-scale investigation is now in progress.

Disciplinary action is ex-pected to be taken against a number of DTI officials in the South West region.

The DTI has compiled a secret report, understood to be nearly 150 pages long. It outlines how individual companies applied for - and often received — hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of regional grants and loan guarantees to help to create jobs in an area of high unemploy-

Additional funding was also provided by local authorities and the Department of the Environment, often in the form of rent-free premises and a period of grace on business rates Four companies are specifi-

cally named in the DTI report: Character Ceramics, Pan Atlantia, Porthcumo Management and South West Farm Processors. Pan Atlantia (UK)

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plc, for example, received E22,000 in 1993 and was Rom Data, a failed West Country computer firm, that received £850,000 in grants in dissolved in January this year. spite of the fact that one of its The companies at the centre directors, John Dawson, was a of the DTI inquiry went into

discharged bankrupt.
After preliminary inquiries, receivership, in many instances shortly after receiving the funds. Hundreds of staff the scope of Operation Gale lost their jobs and redundancy appears to have been extended benefits and suppliers and to look at other companies. consultants were forced out of Former Rom Data staff have been questioned by police, as business because of unpaid bills. The assets of some has Mr Dawson and his wife, companies, many of them Elizabeth, at their home in unnamed in the report, were Cork. Detective Inspector Steallegedly transferred into othven Harrison, the officer in er new-formed companies. charge of Gale, said: "I cannot Other companies to receive comment on any aspects of grants, only to later collapse

this investigation."

Last week, the DTI published a six-page report into the Rom Data crash. This admitted that there were "serious deficiencies in the handling of the case". An urgent review of procedures was ordered.

This weekend, David Jamieson, Labour MP for Plymouth Devonport, called on the DTI to publish its hitherto secret report.

A DIT ODICIAL SAID TO Electronics, MGC Technical decision had been taken on whether the report would be published in full, in part, or even at all. Mr Jamieson said: The Serious Fraud Office is Tens of millions of pounds of taxpayers money appear to have been wasted when many also conducting its own inquiry into alleged abuses of DTI genuine firms are crying out grants in a joint operation for help. DTI ministers must police. The SFO investigation, publish the findings of their report, or the public may begin to suspect that a covercodenamed Gale, was launched last autumn, initialup is in operation." ly to investigate the collapse of

Wednesday, Flotation raises £69 million for Eagle banks, creditors and former investors

Formal Kvaerner bid for Trafalgar near

By MARTIN BARROW AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

TALKS between Kvaerner, the Norwegian shipping com-pany, and Trafalgar House are believed to have made significant progress, and a formal takeover bid, recommended by the Trafalgar board, is imminent.

Meetings between representatives of both companies continued through the weekend and are understood to have overcome all significant hurdles. The offer price is unlikely to be far from Friday's closing price of about 45p a share. This would value Trafalgar House at £840 million.

It is also expected that Kvaerner will make a full bid for the whole of Trafalgar.

including Cunard, the cruiseship division. However, it is most likely to seek a prompt disposal of the business. Potential buyers include P&O and America's Carnival

Cruises. Cunard, which lost about £170 million last year, has an ageing fleet that would need major investment over the next few years.

Kvaerner has indicated that it would be reluctant to hold on to Cunard, but may find it needs to invest substantially in improving the subsidiary's performance before it can find

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Clerical Medical sale likely to fetch £800m

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

CLERICAL MEDICAL is set to be sold within four weeks for about £800 million. Potential buyers include NatWest. The sale of Britain's sixthlargest mutual life assurance group would lead to bonus payments for about one milion policyholders.

NatWest yesterday confirmed that it wants to expand its life operations, but refused to comment on whether it is the front-runner in the shortlist of six possible suitors. "We are very interested in the long-term savings and investment market, including life operations which is definitely an area in which we would like to acquire extra capacity," a spokesman

said. NatWest has a tie-up with Clerical Medical through NatWest Life, its life assurance subsidiary based in Bristol, in which Clerical Medical has a 7.5 per cent stake and manages some assets.

NatWest is expected to use the £2.2 billion it gained from selling NatWest Bancorp, its American bank, to fund future acquisitions, although the spokesman said that the money would not be available until April.

Last month NatWest announced a £472 million bid for Gartmore, the fund manager, after acquiring a majority stake from Banque Indosuez,

Leeson quiz on 'hidden accounts'

BY HOBERT MILLER

NICK LEESON, the rogue trader blamed for the collapse of Barings Bank, is to be quizzed by Singapore inspec-tors in his Changi prison cell this week after claims that he has hidden away £23 million in secret bank accounts in Germany.

Mr Leeson's advisers reacted angrily to reports in London which, if proved true, could result in further charges over evidence he has given to investigators in Singapore and to Britain's Serious Fraud Office. Stephen Pollard, of Kingsley

Napley, Lesson's solicitor, said yesterday: "Nothing I have seen suggests to me that any money was lost other than by trading on the Far East money exchanges." He added:
"Mr Leeson will continue to co-operate as he has done to date with those representa-



Leeson: co-operating

tives of the Barings creditors and the inspectors."

The allegations, contained

in a report apparently pre-pared for professional asset hunters, suggest millions of pounds were syphoned off into bank accounts in the months before the Barings crash. Four

of the German accounts are ultimately controlled by an Indonesian company, it is alleged, and a further two are in Leeson's name. The £860 million Barings

collapse has been investigated independent board of banking supervision and by specially appointed inspectors in Singapore as well as the island state's commercial affairs department Leeson is serving six-and-a-

half years in prison after pleading guilty to fraud and forgery charges last Novem-ber in relation to the Barings crash. All concluded independently that he had not acted for personal gain. Those most interested in

tracing the missing Barings millions are Ernst & Young, the UK administrators, and the Singapore administrators of Barings Futures (Singa-

pore). The Barings Bond Holders Action Group and 32 members of the Association of British Insurers collectively lost £100 million in the crash, and are seeking restitution through various channels. ING, the Dutch banking and insurance group that bought Barings, said it was not involved in the asset-tracing exercise.
The allegation that Leeson

did hide money away will also be examined by members of the Commons Treasury Select Committee. MPs have returned to the Barings fiasco and are expected to question senior Barings executives, including Peter Baring, the for-mer chairman, Andrew Tuckey, his deputy, and Peter Norris, the chief executive officer, about their supervisory role in the events leading to the failure of Britain's oldest

City bets on a cut in the base rate BY JANET BUILL ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE City is betting heavily on another quarter-point cut in base rates after the meeting on Thursday between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England.

The gilt-edged and sterling money markets rallied sharply on Friday after the latest purchasing managers' survey showed that manufacturing industry has been stagnant for six months and that prices had fallen to their lowest level for four years. Sterling futures are already discounting another quarter point off base rates to 6 per cent and a growing number of brokers are now looking for subsequent cuts perhaps to as low as 5 per cent.

Roger Bootle and his team at HSBC Markets today forecast a near-perfect combination of 3.5 per cent growth next year and 2 per cent inflation. However, Mr Bootle believes that this outcome is heavily dependent on further cuts in interest rates and forecasts that they will fall to 5 per cent by the end of this year. He said: "Interest rates will make all the difference. If they go up this year, or if the general expectation develops that they will go up, then the consumer upturn could be scuppered."

Since the last monetary meeting, the evidence on inflation has been unambiguously good with producer input and output price inflation easing back sharply, retail prices falling below 3 per cent and the Confederation of British industry's price expectations survey dropping sharply.

The international back-

ground is also more favourable with cuts in interest rates expected in America. Germany and France, possi-

bly this month. ☐ British supermarket food prices are forecast to rise by 4 per cent on average this year by Mark Pragnell, economist at the Centre for Economics and Business Research. He argues that heavy price disnas not identifiable gains in total sales and damaged profitability over the past three years. He said: "Food retailers are starting to realise that their acrossthe-board price cuts have been bad for their business. As a result, we are now seeing much more targeted discounting and greater focus on other forms of marketing."

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ANTONIO BERARDI: razor-sharp tailoring, flamboyant touches

A week that proved once again that nobody has brighter ideas that the Brits

Fashion Week. Tim Eggar, from the Department of Trade and Industry, asked me to explain why the event was so important. What did the stylish shenanigans on the catwalks have to do with anything? I simply told him: This is where ideas are born."

No one has more, or indeed better, ideas than the British. Our designers are revered the world over. Many have achieved international acclaim. Even more are, at this moment, holed up in design studios in Milan, Paris and New York working behind the scenes on the collections of well-known designers.

Yet if Eggar had joined the throng who pushed and pleaded to get into Alexander McQueen's show, held in a church in the East End, he might have wondered if I was bonkers to say such things.

McQueen finds a new way to challenge - and this time he tried to spook us with an overstyled show full of diabolical accessories. Rosemary's Baby atmospherics and ghostly-pale models.

His devilishly clever technique (grey flannel and knitwear spliced with see through stripes, or a flesh-coloured top beaded with tiny seed pearls) and unique vision (roomy coats trimmed with fluffy Mongolian fur, buttoned-together skirts and trousers, or the cutaway miltary jacket worn over a revealing lace dress) reaffirmed his place as our premier designer.

McQueen has already proved his worth - the perilously low-slung trousers he presented more than two years ago have provided the inspiration for the plethora of hipster pants now flooding the international market, but he should be encouraged to concentrate on the clothes and drop the histrionics which clutter the scene - although I'm sure the groupies who filled his show would disagree.

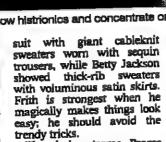
At the moment, McQueen is one of the most talked about designers on this planet. He spearheads a new school of young Brits including Hussein Chalayan, Antonio Berardi, Pearce Fionda Clements Ribeiro, Paul Frith and Owen Gaster. They are tomorrow people, each with their own version of a brave new ward-

However, a unifying theme appears to be a shared love of tailoring and a distinctly glamorous touch. Spikey la-





ALEXANDER McQUEEN: you should forget the horror-show histrionics and concentrate on the great clothes



Fionda and Clements Ribeiro have both matured over the seasons. Each duo has developed a look and is wisely sticking with ft. Pearce Fionda made a bold statement in chocolate and cream - long diaphanous

dresses over trousers, wide

The design teams Pearce

trousers worn with little tops or shirt jackets, and gigantic grey fluffy coats and jackets. lements Ribeiro preferred loopy Aunt Lil styling - knee-length A-line skirts (sometimes in leather), topped with a rollneck sweater or a beaded chiffon blouse the ex-

act colour of Lil's powder

compact. Then maybe a Tibetan lamb collared cost or jacket, or a knitted muffler. A strong showing.

John Rocha highlighted the
military theme with flap-pocket jackets and long hipster skirts in khaki tweed. He zipped his models into sheepskin and crackly plastic jackets, and put slim trousers under practically everything.

including little puffed sleeve see-through dresses. Hard and soft. What makes British fashion great is its extremes. In contrast with the bright young things there are the established names who prefer to offer their customers comfortable, luxurious clothes which may not make headlines, but nevertheless make women dip

into their handbags. Betty Jackson, Ben de Lisi. Amanda Wakeley, Nicole Farhi and Margaret Howell all offered simply gorgeous designs. They may not change the face of fashion but they certainly help to keep British fashion on everybody's lips.





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BETTY JACKSON: offering an easy option

pels, viciously nipped waists, and angular shoulders are key

trademarks. Hussein Chalayan now offers a more grown-up silhouette. His suits are seriously smart, in oxblood, china blue, grey and brown. Expert seaming is emphasised with piping. His off-the-shoulder dresses from such diverse sources as Joan Crawford and Roxy Music designer Antony

Fifties corsuges were also popular with Antonio Berardi. who made fluttering tea-dance dresses in brilliant canary yellow. His trouser suits in khaki tweed were strictly tailored with flamboyant details

everything came in black, so Frith used different fabrics to such as medieval sleeves, military uniform piping on the backs of jackets and Boys Brigade sashes across the

front of others. Owen Gaster is equally single-minded but less adroit. His brightly coloured cutvelvet dresses looked fresh, but nasty neon lace dresses were less successful. Better was a more understated look: a simple sleeveless sheer top, layered over a longer, sparkly

There was much layering and lace at Paul Frith. Almost

Photographs by CHRIS MOORE

cuffs alongside a full-length jersey dress similarly trimmed, or putting a plain polo neck over a lace dress. Katharine Hamnett followed

CLEMENTS RIBEIRO: Aunt Lil's look

provide interest. Sleek suits

came in shiny fake snake,

stretch satin, or starchy nylon.

while slinky jersey shirtdres-

ses were slipped over languid trousers. This look, or a long

tunic over pants, was popular

throughout the shows with

designers such as Betty Jack-

son, Fabio Piras, John Rocha,

Frith made no distinction

between day and night, show-

ing a jacket with feathered

and Clements Ribeiro.

Tribal treasure

SCIENCE

BRIEFING

Nigel

Hawkes

PRIMITIVE peoples were once the province of anthropologists: now they are just as likely to be studied by medical researchers in pursuit of rare cell lines. In at least two cases, in Papua New Guinea and in Panama, the biologists' success
has caused ill-feeling and threats of legal reprisals.

Last week, an expert in Papua New Guinea came to the defence of the US Department of Health and Human Services, which has caused a furore by patenting a cell line from the remote Hagahai tribe, who live in Madang province in the north of the country.

Dr Michael Alpers, director of the PNG Institute of Medical Research, says that the virus isolated from the Hagahai, called HTLV-I or human T-cell lymphotrophic virus type I, is a variant of the virus found around the world. Infection with HTLV-1, which can be passed on by blood transfusion, can lead to leukaemia and lymphoma.

'We have known for some time that the virus infection is common in Papua New Guinea but the diseases it causes seem to be completely absent." Dr Alpers says. This is of obvious interest to medical researchers, who would like to know why. There is a remote possibility that finding out could lead to a vaccine against HTLV-I infection. which would be a valuable prize.

The PNG furore follows a similar row in Panama, where the Guaymi Indians were discovered to carry HTLV-II. a fairly close cousin of HIV, the Aids virus. Yet, like the Hagahal, few seem to become ill. Represen-tatives of the Guaymi Indians became

Bright birds make

FEMALE great tits prefer

their males to be splendidly arrayed, with vivid yellow

feathers on their bellies. But

what exactly do the females gain from mating only with the brightest of their suitors?

Various theories have been put forward.

Maybe bright plumage is a sign of inner vigour, so ensuring the females a healthy

brood. Or perhaps better-looking males do more of the work in looking after the

Two zoologists from the University of

Uppsala have recently published in Func-tional Ecology the results of a study of 80

great tits on the island of Gotland in south-

east Sweden. They estimated the brightness

of the plumage in each case, and measured the condition of each bird's immune system

by counting the different types of white

They found that the brighter the bird, the

better equipped the immune system to fight

parasites. So females which mate with bright birds are choosing the healthiest.

healthier mates

in Atlanta had applied for a patent on the cell line from their blood. The CDC later dropped the application, but not before charges of "bio-piracy" had been made. In Papua New Guinea, the

case rumbles on. The PNG High Commissioner in New Zealand, Damien Gamiandu, said: "We have been talking about the exploitation of the rainforest and now we are talking about the exploitation of the human species."

But all this is a misunder-

standing, according to Dr Alpers. Far from stealing the cell line from the Hagahai, the patent application specifically mentions them, meaning that the tribe would benefit "if in the remote future some commercial development arose from this discovery". Without the patent, any commercial company could have taken up development of the cell line free of royalties.

"In the Hagahai case, given that the atent application was being made in the US, it was better, I believe, to have made the Hagahai part of it than to have taken the ethical stance not to be involved and to have allowed all the rights to reside in the US." he

says. Meanwhile, British blood supplies are still not screened for HTLV-I and II. although many countries now do such screening as a routine precaution. The view taken by the National Blood Authority is that the infection is rare among British blood donors and the cost of introducing such tests cannot at present be justified.

Galaxies cause

Hubble trouble

THE remarkable picture taken by the Hubble space telescope, showing the faint-

est and most remote galaxies

ever seen, has now been

analysed by a team of as-

tronomers from Cambridge,

Australia and Canada. They used a comput-

erised technique to classify the images of

about 300 galaxies, comparing them with

those near by. They found that the remote

galaxies do not fit the classification original-

"Whichever way we looked at it, we found that at least 30 to 40 per cent of the faint

galaxies appear extremely unusual and

distorted compared to only a few per cent in

the local universe," says Dr Roberto Abraham of the Institute of Astronomy at

Cambridge. "The differences are dramatic."
To accommodate these misfits, it looks as

if a whole new classification system will

have to be drawn up. So Hubble's scheme has survived for 70 years only to be

overthrown by a telescope named after him.

drawn up by Edwin Hubble himself in



Aids is believed to have reached man from primates, so it is ironic that blood from a baboon has been transfused to try to help an Aids victim

Can animals save us?

he close relationship between human be-ings and animals is about to become closer still. In addition to breeding them, raising them, living with them and eating them. we may soon have to get used to walking around with animal spare parts inside us.

In America, an Aids patient has been given blood from a baboon in an effort to fight off the disease, while several patients suffering from Parkinson's disease have had pig cells injected into their brains. Such "xenotransplants"

could be the first of many. because at least four different teams are now racing to produce entire pig organs -hearts, kidneys and livers which can be transplanted safely into human patients. Several transplant groups in the US have plans to use unmodified baboon hearts as a temporary measure in patients awaiting transplants.

After an Aids patient received a transfusion from a baboon, the race is on to produce more spare parts from animals. But is it right? Nigel Hawkes reports

Council on Bioethics will publish a major report on xenotransplantation, to be followed later in the year by similar ruminations from a government-appointed committee. The interest is timely, because the whole project poses huge practical, clinical and ethical difficulties. Some opponents argue that animals are not ours to cut open and use for spare parts, while others see the principal danger as the spread of

donors.

viruses derived from the animal Pig cells Already one member of the US have been Food and Drug Adgiven to ministration panel that gave clearance Parkinson's the baboon blood transfusion disease has implied that panel was patients swayed by emo-

the family of the intended recipient, the Aids activist Jeff Getty. "Knowing that one and only one procedure was being voted upon, this transplant was approved," says Dr Jonathan Alian of the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research in San Antonio, Texas, writing in Nature Medicine. "Unfortunately, having opened the door, it will be difficult to close it again."

The FDA will soon get a chance to see if he is right. because the surgeon responsible for the baboon transfusion, Suzanne Ildstad of the University of Pittsburgh, fully intends to try again. She expects to submit a summary of the data into the brain of the Parkinto the FDA soon, and apply within a few months for permission to go on to more

The irony is that many experts believe that Aids originally reached man from monkeys. Dr Alian says that the simian immunodeliciency viruses — the monkey equivalents of HIV - may have been harboured in African primates for thousands of years without causing any disease, before

vaulting to man. Baboons do not ap-parently carry SIV. but they do have viruses in persistent and latent forms which may remain with them throughout life. "Baboons are an

infectious disease nightmare," says Dr Allan. Giving their organs to

whose immune system is already on the ropes provides the perfect opportunity for a new infection to get a footbold. Pigs pose less of a risk but they can still harbour

Pigs can also be raised in sterile conditions, and special precautions taken to ensure they are safe. Nor is the use of pig materials exactly new: diabetics used pig insulin successfully for decades before a way was found of producing the human version, and pig heart valves have also been implanted successfully into human patients. But neither of these involves living cells.

son's disease patient Tony Johnson, 58, a former highway engineer, came from a pig specially selected because she had tested negative to all known disease-causing viruses. She was raised in a purpose-built laboratory by handlers wearing disposable surgical gowns, and she breathed only filtered air.

Once adult, she was bred with a similarly clean boar. and on the day of the operation at a Massachusetts medical centre her partially-developed foetuses were removed by Caesarean section and tiny sections of their brains extracted. Each fragment of brain contained one and a half million brain cells. of which perhaps I to 2 per cent were the sort capable of producing dopamine, the brain chemical lacking in Parkinson's.

Finally, three droplets of fluid were injected into Tony Johnson's brain under local anaesthetic. The immune system, which would normally destroy such cells as foreign, is relatively inactive in the brain. The hope is that they will survive long enough to provide the dopamine his own

brain cells cannot. The initial effects appear

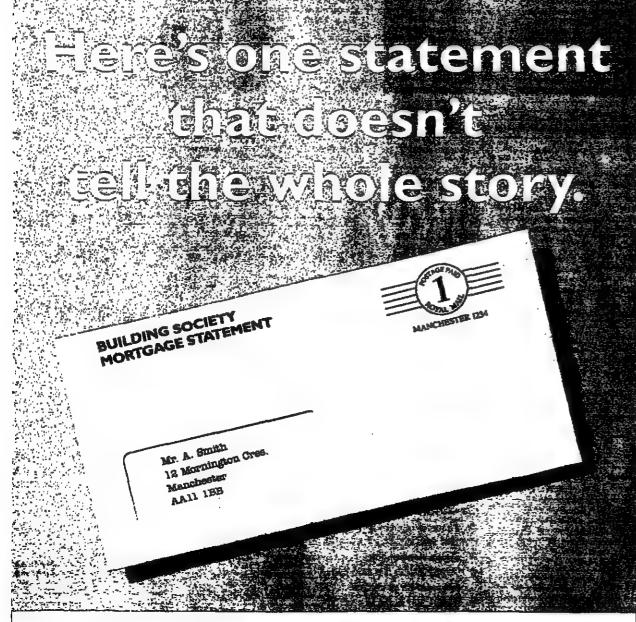
good - Mr Johnson can walk and talk better than before but surgeons have warned him that this may wear off. Parkinson's patients often appear better for a while after any brain operation, only to slip back later.

In the case of Jeff Getty, the baboon cells transfused into his blood supply do not appear to have survived, perhaps because his own immune system had been insufficiently suppressed before the transfusion. Dr Ildstad says that in future trials she will use larger doses of immune-suppressing drugs to "condition" the patient lirst.

ompanies on both sides of the Atlantic are racing to product; pigs which are genetically modified so that their organs are not immediately recognised as foreign and rejected. Considerable progress has been reported. with the Cambridge-based company Imutran emerging as a leader in the field.

Dr Allan for the moment remains a lone voice in expressing alarm. He believes that the strictest possible guidelines are needed. limit-

ing donor species to pigs. Given that the risks from xenotransplantation may be far greater than those from genetic engineering, no less should be accepted for this new and growing enterprise."



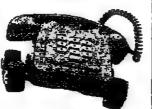
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Penicillin holds key to fresher food

Mould breaking

A SLIDE containing a sample of the original mould that led Alexander Fleming to discover penicillin is expected to fetch more than £10.000 at Sotheby's on Friday. Nearly 70 years after the breakthrough, however, penicillin antibiotics still have to be made from mould grown by

natural fermentation Chemical synthesis is not commercially viable, even though the chemical structure of penicillin has been determined by X-ray crystallography. According to Professor Jack Baldwin, a chemist at Oxford University. penicillin antibiot-

synthetic organic chemists for more than 50 years. "There is still no efficient synthesis of the penicillins," he says. Professor Baldwin has dis-

covered that the natural synthesis includes a reaction step unknown in synthetic chemis-try. In this step, an enzyme reacts with the chain-like precursor molecule of the penicillin. catalysing the reaction of a molecule of oxygen with four of the precursor's hydrogen atoms, converting them to water and tying the chain into a figure of eight.

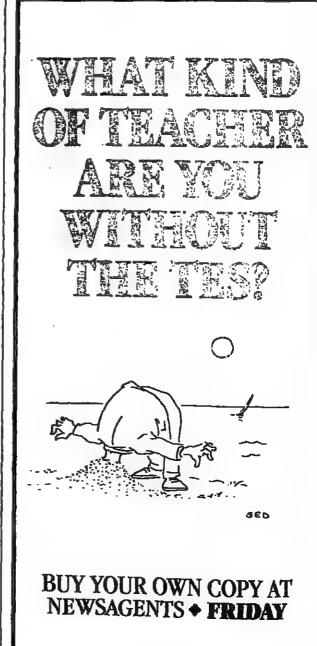
The unusual aspect of this enzyme reaction is that it depends on two elements of haemoglobin, iron and oxygen," says Professor Baldwin. "There's something very weird about this." In 1995, Oxford chemists crystallised the pure entyme and determined its structure. It appeared family of enzymes likely to have wide applications. One possibility is that this

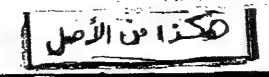
reaction step might be exploited in syn-theses of medical and industrial che micals. It might also enable biological routes to penicillins. "Now we are secing insights into the structure, I hope it will

be possible to modi-fy this protein by engineering, says The discovery of this uni-que catalytic event has wider

implications. "There's almost certainly a super-family of enzymes that use iron and oxygen to do interesting chemistry. Professor Baldwin speculates. The family would include enzymes that to fall. Greater understanding of how they work might allow us to alter the rate of ripening for fresher food.

HUGH ALDERSEY-WILLIAMS





We are all losers in the sex war

For our mothers and fathers, the gender roles used to be simple - men earned the bread and women baked it. But the search for sexual parity has reduced society to a state of hopeless confusion, says Tony Parsons

nce there was a time when men and women knew exactly what was expected of them. Men made money. Women made homes. Father brought home the bacon and mother made bacon sand-

But what does it mean to be a man today? As sperm-counts plummet across the Western world, the modern male is torn between acting like an old-fashioned guy or a female impersonator. There is now a vast range of

cosmetics for men. There are magazines and television programmes devoted solely to men's health. And throughout the Nineties we have grown accustomed to the crumpled faces of men crying in public - not just showbiz types like Tom Hanks and Chris Evans, but also hairy-armed sporting heroes like Paul Gascoigne and Andre Agassi. Has something softened inside the hearts of men? Is the modern male as in touch with his emotions and as obsessed with his facial pores as any

woman? The lads who read the phenomenally successful Loaded magazine would demur. In the pages of Loaded, easily the most successful magazine for men in Britain, they celebrate traditional manly tastes - football, heer, birds and crisps. In that order. They do not worry about male health at Loaded. The only lumps they are interested in examining belong to the likes of Pamela Anderson.

The choice facing men today is between simpering cissy and unreconstructed fout. No choice at all. But confusion among women runs just as deep. Women have been told for so long that they are morally obliged to have both a career and a family that anything less seems like settling for failure.

The career woman who chooses not to have children is made to feel unfulfilled. Yet the woman who decides to devote herself to her family is made to feel second-rate. The mulions of women who try to balance both worlds are made to feel guilty.

The response among younger women to this dilemma -

Negotiating brunch at Christopher's in Covent Garden

been an abjuration of femininity. The New Lass - deified in late night programmes such as The Girlie Show — drinks. swears and bays for sexual satisfaction just like any man. But if women are free only to behave as badly as men, that eems a curiously tawdry sort of freedom.

I blame the search for parity between the sexes. We have striven so hard for equal pay. equal rights and equal organs that we have forgotten that there are other things in life apart from equality. We have forgotten that men and

women are equal but different. Thirty years ago the gender roles were very rigorously defined. In the Fifties and Sixties, every suburban Dad

The choice facing men is between simpering cissy and lout.

Confusion among women runs just as deep

was a little Ernest Hemingway, given automatic respect and his tea on the table. "Wait until your father gets home," was a threat to subdue even the wildest child. But just how good were the good old days?

In many ways the old man was a distant, solitary figure. discouraged from displays of emotion, separated from his children by work and convention, excluded from his home life even when he was sitting in the biggest chair. As for women, economic

subservience meant that some were trapped in abusive and unhappy marriages. But these were also the years when women ruled their homes in a way that would be unthinkable today, with mother off at the office and her domestic duties taken over by hired hein, in the old days, a woman was the Almighty in an apron
even if she wasn't taken seriously beyond the garden

It had to change - and it did. And many of the changes

were good. Men became more involved in parenting and women entered the workplace. But the end of sexual apartheid brought its own problems. The old roles - man as breadwinner, woman as bread baker - have gone for ever, but they have yet to be truly replaced.

Neither men nor women are free to be what they want to be. Men are still expected to work - how we would jeer at the father who wanted to stay at home with his children and let his wife go out to work, Women are still obliged to give birth. A man without a job or a woman without children is still considered a freak. Men and women have all assumed extra responsibilities but the myth of Having It All has become the messy reality of Doing It All.

There is no way back to the ways of our parents. Once men would kill and die for their country. But the manly virtues - physical courage, grace under pressure - are more difficult to justify for the generations who never went to

We do not wear our masculinity as well. Being a man is now either a cause for yobbish celebration or shame. Today's men are either pathetic paro-dies of women or they exist in a state of perpetual adoles-

eanwhile, feminism has imposed a terrible orthodoxy on the modern woman. She is expected to have a career as surely as she was once expected to have children.

A woman is not free to devote herself to her children - society and friends conspire to make the best homemaker feel inferior to the worst shorthand typist. And yet the childless career woman is openly despised. Feminism should have increased female options. Instead, it seems to have restricted them. It is curiously twisted sort of liberty. Girls with attitude, Boys

who worry about moisturiser they should be using. Women who cuss like sailors and men who turn on the waterworks. Women who are hopelessly torn between home and work and men who can't decide if they are a



Deadlier than the male - but if the strident Nineties woman is free only to behave as badly as men, it is a curiously tawdry freedom

caveman or Delia Smith. Where do we go from here? A generation of empowered women should not have heed a race of neutered males. But neither should it provoke men into adopting the crassest manifestations of masculinity. And the women who grew up

realise that they have become equal but thankfully very difslaves to its outmoded dogma. Men and women should stop trying so hard to resemble each other. We should remember that heterosexuality is a celebration of differences. The way forward is for men and women to realise that we are

unfortunately still not that

ferent. You can lake an orgasm. But you can't fake an erection. For that we should be

Tony Parsons writes a weekly column for the Daily Mirror. Equal But Different is on Channel 43 Without Walls tomorrow at

ten men from Mitsubishi lay

down their spoons and troop

in general we do not go for

the big wave across the room.

It has to do with being

brought up not to talk with

our mouths fall, play with our

food, or get up from the table without finishing what was

And then you see a married colleague from the office, eat-

ing with a man half her age. If

it is her son you should surely

say hello — but what if it is Fabio the superstud, or Robbie the love rat from EastEnders? Can you risk

The solution can only be to

soften the situation with a

different social transgression.

And this is what wide boys

and yappies have been doing

since the technological revolu-

tion of the mid-1980s. Next

time you turn and tut at some

shiny-suited individual an-

swering his mobile at the

table, bear in mind that it is

probably some stranded diner

at a far-away table, calling to

see if he should come over and

over to be introduced?

put in front of us.

guessing wrong?

teeth on edge

should present the Today programme on Radio 4 caves some of us indifferent. Hobday or Humphrys? MacGregor or Ford? Who cares? I stopped listening to Today about 20 years ago,

and have rarely regretted it. The programme that sets the agenda used to set my teeth on edge. Ev ery interview went on far too long, until you were screaming aloud for it to stop, while the presenters, even then, were a bit too fond of themselves.

Occasional accidental encounters with Today then since haven't changed my mind. John

Humphrys clearly has a terminal case of a disease that often afflicts American journalists, the belief that they can plug into the public mood better than the politicians who actually stand for office. And then there are those angry exchanges with ministers which are all part of a game presenters love to

THE ROW over who know they are perfectly polite, even friendly, so it is insulting the public's perception to pretend to genuine conflict on air. It is all shadow-boxing, excluding the listener by its implica-tion that politicians and

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iournalists are fellow members of the club that rules the world. Other Radio 4 programmes do not do this. The admirable World Tonight still maintains an urbane balance, eschewing airs and graces and silly boasts about its

own importance. Journalists are citizens. nothing more: they are not public prosecutors, scourges of the wicked, or - heaven forbid

- the conscience of the nation. They exist to prick pomposity, not to embody it. When they start posing and preening, and pretending that their half hour on the air is the real cockpit of politics, it is time to turn off. Terry Wogan on Radio 2 is a far more attractive alternative.

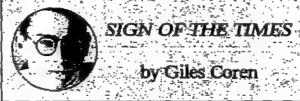
NIGEL HAWKES

Rules for table-hoppers

To acknowledge the ar-rival of a friend at a nearby restaurant table in prewar Bratislava, as my late grandmother used to tell me, was a social transgression that could lead to debarment from the establishment, and ostracisation from one's friends. To be distracted from the food was as unforgivable by the maitre d'as distraction from the conversation was by one's company. In fin de siècle Rhode

Island, on the other hand, the Vanderbilts and the Carnegies would send their calling cards from table to table in the finest Newport exteries, and the success of an evening depended on the fluidity of inter-table traffic.

Thus is ever the distinction between the etiquetic of Europe and the New World. As any number of social documentaries have insisted, the secret of great restaurant orchestration in Hollywood lies not in the grovelling servility or knowledge of the wine list, but in seating people in such a way that communication between tables is made almost unavoidable.



Los Angeles is a world so designed for dinner-time schmoozing that every pospassing acquaintance must be seated within easy reach of a swift hello. It is a symptom, perhaps, of a society in full grip of the Internet, where at virtual restaurants attended by surfers the world over, butting in is the only way to join the fun.

And yet in Britain, which is catching up in so many ways with advances in American eating culture - think of the Conran complexes. Marco Pierre White's Criterion, The Atlantic in Piccadilly - we still have real problems knowing what to do when we see somicone we know in a restaurant. According to the receptionist at Quaglino's, who is responsible for the greeting and seating side of things, the

most common request is to be seated apart from particular diners, rather than close by. But what to do if eyes are

caught? It is a situation undealt with by the etiquette books: in the middle of a mouthful of bouillabaisse, do you suddenly leap up at the sight of an old schoolfriend and introduce him to your table of ten prospective clients from Mitsubishi?

A if you are the passing friend, do you stop and say hello? Is it ruder to stay or to pass your old friend by? When you mention it later, he will surely say you should have come over and said hello. But that would have left your own codiners staring at an empty chair. And what if there was only one co-diner, and that a

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Starting today, Gallery Week will introduce contemporary art to a new audience. Simon Tait reports



Members of the Scarlet Theatre troupe of performance artists interpret Francis Bacon's Three Studies for Figures at the Base of a Crucifixion as part of the first Gallery Week

This evening, the stark white Portland stone façade of the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff will become a giant canvas. Paintings of children. 40ft high, will be projected on to it. Meanwhile, 50 works of art inside the museum will be sporting new labels, written by under-11-year-olds as part of a competition, and the Child's Eye View Guidebook

will have its official launch. it's all part of Britain's first Gallery Week. Until next Sunday, institutions across the country will be doing their best to open up the too-often closed world of contemporary

art to a new audience. As many as 200 galleries have dreamt up their own ploys to make people take a closer look at contemporary work. The Whitworth in Manchester is inviting visitors to create a giant jigsaw from the works of Edouardo Paolozzi that the gallery has on show. In Lincoln the Usher is

March of the mods asking local people to create their own gallery, while in Ipswich Christchurch Mansion has situated pictures from

its modern collection in period

settings and will be inviting

visitors to find them. Enter the Bruce Castle Museum in Tottenham - through a giant tube of paint -- and you will meet artists who will explain how they do what they do. Meanwhile, Sunderland Museum and Art Gallery will host the Contemporary Art Society's exhibition of 100 works it has bought for public collections since 1992. For its part, the Walsall Museum and

Art Gallery will be asking visitors to review the contemporary pieces it has on show.

There will be banner-mak-

ing, portrait photography ses-

sions, workshop tours, the creation on-site of specially commissioned installations. mime artists mingling with crowds in the Tate Gallery, in London, and even a free

lecture by the director of the

National Gallery. Neil Mac-Gregor, about how to ap-

man. "For some reason in this

country we have managed to

set contemporary art apart in

proach pictures for the first Gallery Week is the first large-scale venture by the little-known National Association for Gallery Education. "We're aiming the week principally at children, but also at adults to give them the confidence to approach contemporary art," says Sue Grayson Ford, the association's chaira way that doesn't happen anywhere else." The association was set up

by the Arts Council as long ago as 1988, but its activities have been modest and largely unseen. Ford became chairman two years ago and immediately began building the network to create Gallery Week. The association (to be known as Engage in future, rather than the clumsier, if accurate, acronym Nage) is still core-funded by Arts Council, whose £25,000 grant this year will provide most of its income (the subscriptions of the 300 members are negligible, their support being far more valuable). The unpaid Ford has a parttime staff of two, but intends to

supplement Engage's income

and extend activities through

sponsorship. Ford has spent her professional life introducing the public to contemporary art. first as founder-director of the Serpentine Gallery as long ago as 1970, and more recently as director of the Photographers' Gallery. "The role of the Serpentine in the Seventies was rather different from now," she says. "We were less high-profile, we didn't set out to be provocative, but we were concerned to dispel the myths too many people believe about contemporary art, which is very much what we want to do

in Gallery Week." The leaflet produced to promote Gallery Week has al-ready added about 50 new members of Engage, both institutions and individuals. The event is intended to become an annual one, and the search is already on for £25,000 to finance next year's Gallery Week.

"We don't see why the success of National Music Day, which is relatively new but already a fixture in the arts calendar, can't be repeated for contemporary art," Ford says.

There is a hidden agenda. she says. Too few museum and gallery directors give enough priority to teaching contemporary art, she believes, and gaps have to be filled in the national curriculum where art studies are mandatory only in the early

"Gallery education officers are often very lonely individuals, working too often in a vacuum." Ford says. "We want to underpin their efforts because education is still not a very respectable area of gallery work. Gallery Week can

help to change all that."

CONCERTS

Way off the stylistic mark

THE London Symphony Or-chestra is now about halfway through its Bruckner-Mozart Series, and so far Bruckner has provided most of the surprises. Colin Davis has been tackling new repertory here, whereas he is an experienced, natural Mozartian. But on Thursday he gave an uncontroversial, indeed authoritative, account of Bruckner's Seventh, and presided over a Sinfonia Concertante that came as a nasty shock,

what appears to be a new Russian tendency in artist promotion. There is little other explanation for how the violinist Dmitri Vassiliev came to share the platform with one of the world's leading viola players. Yuri Bashmet. With acidic, sometimes strangulated, tone and strident phrasing, Vassiliev was as far from the stylistic mark as Vladivostock is from Moscow.

Davis was not to blame for

Even though Bashmet was guilty of some wayward intonation and is himself not most at home in the idiom, his performance succeeded on its own musical terms. Davis could do little to rescue one of

Barbican Mozart's most sublime works: with a modest-sized band, he established the piece's warm

glow at the start of each

movement, but each time this

LSO/Davis

nobility was sabotaged by the neo-expressionist outpouring on his left. It was a relief to reach Bruckner, Davis unfolded the Seventh's opening movement in a steady, expansive flow. He brought out the compassion and calm lyricism, and built powerful, organ-like climaxes. The tumultuous Scher-

zo rolled along a little heavily: it was not too slow, but perhaps it was lacking in bounce. The Adagio, with its Wag-ner tubas and the coda that Bruckner added after hearing of Wagner's death, had lambent solemnity. But Davis managed only to hint at the spiritual dimension here,

surely a vital ingredient of

great Bruckner performances. JOHN ALLISON

Eminence grace

A NEW idea in programme planning is fast gathering momentum. In a benevolent gesture of patronage, an emi-nence grise of the concert platform, usually well past retiring age, introduces his or her outstanding pupil to a well-disposed public, and actually shares the platform

with the protege.

The latest instalment of this particular generation game took place at the Wigmore Hall where mezzo-soprano Irina Arkhipova, sometime prima donna of the Bolshoi, Laureate of the Lenin Prize and Hero of the Soviet People, stood side by side with young Natalia Datsko, Ukraine-born soprano, international prizewinner, and a budding new

Tosca and Tatiana. Arkhipova began the evening with Alessandro Stradella's Pieta, Signore and Verdi's Ave Maria. Both prayers are hushed and sombre. The marble cladding may have worn off Arkhipova's mezzo, but the resilient granite of training underneath is

unscarred. The same finely chiselled shaping characterised DatIrina Arkhipova Wigmore Hall

sko's performance of Leonora's Tacea la notte placida from Il trovatore and Tue che le vanita, from Don Carlos, one note vapour-trailing up to another in perfectly controlled portamento.

Tchaikovsky ruled after the 4 interval. Arkhipova took centre stage for a shadowy, retrospective performance of the Countess's scene and aria from Pique Dame; Datsko responded with two effortlessly resonant Romances.

Sometimes a deep octave apart, sometimes in comradely close harmony, Arkhipova and Datsko gave their all to the salon melodramas of Tchaikovsky's Op 46. Their final duet from Pique Dame went down so well that they turned themselves into shepherdesses for the encore, mopping and mowing their way through the opera's little Mozartian pastorale, and then

repeating it all over again. HILARY FINCH



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BRAHMS'S CELLO SONATAS reviewed by Armette Morreau

For cellists, recording Brahms's two sonatas is a rite of passage. In the present catalogue there are a daunting number available: 28 versions of the E minor: 24 of the later F major. Twenty years separated their composition. Both are for piano and cello, signalling a debt to the classical tradition and problems of balance. The E minor, written in 1865, is generally regarded as the "simple" sonata, because its range is generally lower than the later F major. But balance is very problematic, particu-larly in the last movement, where the cellist has often to

strain against his partner. Pounding pianists, as well as those lacking in the ability or sensitivity to bring out the range of Brahms's colours abound - including, alas, Rudolph Buchbinder on Janos Starker's latest recording for BMG Classics. But Steven Isserlis and Peter Evans (Hyperion CDA 66159) bring fine-

ly nuanced playing. For a historic recording, Emanuel Feuermann's E mi-

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nor sonata in 1934 remains a classic, but go for the reissue on Biddulph (LAB OII); Pearl has transferred the 78s at the wrong pitch. The choice between the two Starker recordings of 1979 and 1992 is "stark". Starker never fails to beguile the ear, so it's down to the difference between pianists and recorded sound. Although the 1979 recording on Erato (4509 96950-2) is hissy, Georgy Sebok is so musical that this is strongly recommended.

However, my overall choice is for the young Norwegian cellist Truls Mork and his marvellous pianist. Juhani Lagerspetz (Virgin Classics 5 45052-2, £13.95). Mork's playing is full and focused, and with an intensity that captures every nuance of Brahms's demanding writing.

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POP

Meat to the beat

Goldie Forum, NW5

SEVERAL years after its inception, the dance music known as jungle boasts a substantial underground following. Walsall-born Goldie prefers the tag "drum and bass" for his take on this crossbreed of clubland cultures. With his group Metalheadz, he has taken the genre further into the pop consciousness than most, conquering the festival circuit and achieving a Top Ten album with Timeless. An evening of Metalheadz

music means not just their stage show but lengthy record sets in which the highly percussive, unyielding jungle grooves keep the audience on a steady heat. Drum and bass has been portrayed as some-what robotic, but while the breakneck beat is supplied by a machine — a real drummer would end the night with sprained wrists at best — the group's show is full of human touches. Goldie stands over his keyboard at the back of the set, a film of scattered, abstract images playing behind him while four dancers cavort stage left. Various other work-

er bees toil conscientiously. Their biggest "crossover single, Inner City Life, is the early joker, but in a 20-minute rendition that includes soul and ska phases. Other pieces lack that track's sweetening R&B vocals and are cooked up for more robust palates. The performance may lack humour, but certainly not expres-

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ARTS TUESDAY TO FRIDAY IN SECTION 2

A sense of mountain pique

The director Andrei Serban has transformed the well of the Cottesloe into a long, wide corridor with the audience flanking each side, much as Deborah Warner did for Richard II last year: but nothing so clear occurs inside it as the destruction of an English king.

David Lan's play (sponsored by AT&T) is a curious, chaotic piece, which involves conflict in the Balkans and the Balkan conflicts in an English geologist's soul. Although I admired its imaginative scope, I have to say it sometimes left me feeling that I had been parachuted into deepest Bulgaria without a phrase book.

Actually, I have seen places in Croatia and northwest Greece a bit like the unnamed village Richard Hudson has designed for us. The ground is stony: unshaven men play chess at rickety tables; folksy folk with stringed instruments meander about. Some of the conversation sounds a bit stageethnic "The only sin is to believe that happiness is gone forever ... after winter comes spring, that is the wisdom of the streams, of the hills." But Serban is Romanian, and is presumably to be trusted where Bal-

kan pastoral is concerned. The setting is not the main problem with the play, nor are the politics. The mountain people want a new dam, but the valley folk do not, for it will lead to the flooding of what the local dentist calls "the most beautiful place God has left his fingerprints on. In Act I an edgy peace is obtained, but by Act II armed guerrillas are beating up men with hoods over their heads. Tom Mannion's dentist is now a rebel chief and about as good an advertisement for his profession as Laurence Olivier's crazed Nazi in Marathon Man.

No, the twin problems are Daniel.

THEATRE

The Ends of the Earth Cottesloe

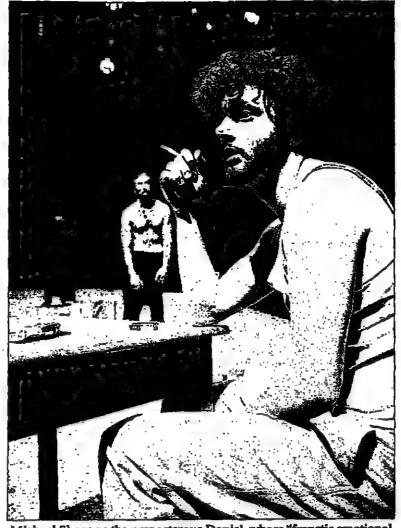
the geologist played by Michael Sheen, and his wife Cathy, played by Samantha Bond Back home, their infant daughter is ill with heart disease, which explains why they are 50 angry with each other. It also explains why Daniel goes haring up a mountain in search of a holy man, and why, when a passing guru urges Daniel to give up smoking, he does so. He believes this sacrifice may save his child, and he takes another puff only after the gun-toting dentist has made it clear that continued abstinence will result in murder.

The talk ranges from God to free will to guilt, but the main subject seems to be the residual shamanism that makes even sophisticated Westerners believe they can tamper with destiny. The trouble is that there is something preposterous about both Daniel and Cathy. It is hard to believe in Bond when she starts saying that hatred of him has given her an inner "badness" which has contaminated their child. Still less does Sheen convince you that his feverish emotional contortions and frenetic physical writhings - foetal twists and all - owe much to observed life or thought-through psychology.

I never cared much what happened

to Daniel's wife and child and, as for him, I hoped someone would take him up that Balkan mountain and throw him off. Is that the reaction Lan wants? I don't think so.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Michael Sheen as the preposterous Daniel, whose "frenetic emotional contortions owe little to observed life" in The Ends of the Earth

Tragedy with manners THE Chelsea house of Alicia and Robert Christie overlooks the Thames, which is generally a placid sheet of water hereabouts, but not in the design by Iona McLeish for this touring production. Through the lofty windows we see that the grey water is writhing in discontent at being his mother's life. confined and channelled be-

Sween embankments. Alicia does not know that she too is inwardly writhing. and Lesley Storm's 1949 drama begins by showing a household enjoying — if that's the word - an unnaturally blessed life. True, there has

and his son Roy, of whom Alicia is very fond. But in three days' time Roy is to marry loving and sensible Louise, and this will close a chapter in

Except that, while out buying unrationed food to entertain her future in-laws, Aliciastuffs a black chiffon nightdress into her handbag and is arrested. Is her unconscious trying to tell her something? Storm was a successful writ-

Black Chiffon Yvonne Arnaud, Guildford

the 1930s to the 1950s. She wrote "issue" plays in the days before this task was taken on by television and, because her skills were not as sharp as Ramgan's, Black Chiffon probeen trouble between Robert er for stage and screen from prises than you will find in his and a tremor in her voice that

plays. Furthermore, a gentler approach to conflict means that her characters are exposed but not eviscerated, and in our more demanding times this comes across as an avoidance of the real matter of their distress. But up to that point where we could have been given more and aren't, this play provides decent enjoyment.

Susan Hampshire Diavs All vides fewer dramatic sur- cia with a grace of movement

will keep an audience on her side whatever murky emo-tions emerge from the psychi-atrist's probe. Like all psychiatrists of that period -Priestley's, for instance - Dr Hawkins is thoughtful and kindly, and Greg Hicks plays

Alan Dobie is the jealous husband, a role made difficult by Storm's economy with de-tail; Samantha Holland gives a well-observed study of a young English rose, and Sean O'Connor's direction makes the journeys between chairs

JEREMY KINGSTON

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and antertalonesis compiled by Kris Anderson

THE KING OF PRUSSIA Operang regist for the first of the "Four Corners plays to be given a week's London non ners here. Note Darke's interesting-Sounding play about 18th century Comes's smugglers, presented by the excellent kneetingh Thistine Doubles Warmonium, Earliern Streat, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Tongist, 7pm Then Tue-Sai, 8pm, mals, Thurs and Sai, 4pm, © Sat. 40m. (5) VIENNA PIONEERS Nikolaus

LONDON

Hamonouri and his ground-breaking period-institution froup, Vienna Concentus Musicus, give what may be one of the most stimuleting concerns of Dynamics, series, a collaboration of and Bertin Berbleam S& Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891), Torught, 7 30pm [5]

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■ 20-52: Strong devised prece, dracted by Jeremy Weller, exploring the curious (to say the least) corumstancing of a man whose the ended in police

of a man whose file ended in police custody in 1992. An award-winner at Edinburgh last year. Tyloyeta, Kibum High Road, NM6 (0177-328) 1000). Opens torught, 7pm

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D'PRESENT LAUGHTER, Perer Bowies is Gery Ensendins in Noël Coverd's maggerated self-portrait of a ster pursued by devotes and lowing every minute of it. Caroline Langrishs

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LEEDS Northern Ballet Treats
opens its spring season with a rechoreographed Don Outcole from
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Barnet Pink. The new version of
Cervantes a story retains highlights of 4s
NET prodocessors, with music by Philip
Feeney supplementing the original
score. Daniel de Andrade croales the
role of Basilio, Charlotte Broom is Kirn,
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Confusing but vivid. In rep. Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-838 8991). Tonight and Tue, 7,16pm (2) A TALENT TO AMUSE THE WORLD

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Driven towards madness by various roots

THE Gate's biennale season of new plays from Europe continues with a double bill from Sweden and Russia. Stig Larsson's drama Sisters, Brothers depicts three sisters. clearly hardly in touch, con-gregating with partners at the youngest's Stockholm flat.

The small talk starts off awkwardly then escalates into rants, rivalries, exposures and crumbling self-control. At first firmly brushed with satirical comedy but increasingly dis-

turbing, this work is realistic in its observations of ricocheting speech patterns.
Nikolai Kolyada's The
Oginski Polonaise is more

patently off the wall. East is hoping to start a new life. bearing the key to her child-

European absurdism and magic realism imbue this portrait of Moscow, post-perestroika. Tanya, a former ambassador's daughter, returns from exile in America. She is clearly off her head, but Double Bill Gate, WII

hood home which, however, has been taken over by a strange gaggle of her ances-These plays share common

ground. Besides faint echoes of Chekhov, both are interested in contemporary people returning to their roots. They depict adults on the verge of

breakdown, craving to love and live intensely yet never truly connecting.

The Oginski Polonaise

seems the more exciting production at first, with the audience scattered among the cranky rooms of Tanya's dream house. Victoria Worsley's Tanya combines drive and frailty. However, director Par Kiernan bypasses accents which would clarify the tugs between American and Russian culture. Kolyada's play

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Let all Islington rejoice! Peter Mandelson (like Hitler, Enver Hoxha and Castro) is offering a state dowry

n Cuba recently I found that the event might be enwhat was, to me, a new idea: a scheme to subsidise the betrothal of young couples. The details escape me, but fringe benefits included a wedding dress. provided as a loan from the

State, and a honeymoon. On a visit to Albania ! found similar incentives, Should I ever marry, it will undoubtedly be in Albania, a conclusion my mother probably reached years ago.

With a mixture of surprise and curic I learnt last week Mandelson, 'lair's communicati ·: mo, is thinking Sir Peter Horde, to tell John N PM's Questions the ture last world leader to adopt such plans was Adolf Hitler; Castro and the late Enver Hoxha of Albania had already joined the queue. I also seem to remember a Tory women's committee

voicing similar proposals a "fidelity bonus" payable after ten years' marriage. Such an intriguing coalition: Enver Hoxha and Fidel Castro, Adolf Hitler, the Conservative women and Mr Mandelson! All have been known to sport moustaches.

quote Mr Let me Mandelson direct, from his new book, The Blair Revolution: Can New Labour Deliver? Explaining that some young would-be spouses are poorer than others, he muses: "Access to a lump sum of,

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would make an enormous difference at that stage of life." An option Mr Mandelson proposes would be: the provision of medium-term, deferred repayment, interest-free loans to young couples without access to private capital of their own: in effect, a form just once in a lifetime, and to be called Getting Off To A

Good Start. Getting Off, eh? Having not got off in quite this way myself. I was intrigued to find Mr Mandelson proposing to use my taxes to encourage others to do so. Maybe the aim is to guide young people away from the pitfalls into which people like me have tumbled. But

I suppose there are three possible answers. One is that Mr Mandelson is motivated by pure altruism. This needs to be no more than articulated to be discarded

as ludicrous,
Another is that Mr
Mandelson is looking forward to some happy event of his own, of which he has not yet informed us. This would be simply marvel-lous news. Let all Islington rejoice! As Gomez Addams says to his brother Fester in Addams Family Values: "I hope that some day you will know the indescribable joy of having children, and paying someone else to bring them up." To the idea

couraged by what Mr Mandelson calls "a form of pub-

lic dowry". I say hear-hear. Indeed, I suggest that some form of public sub-scription might be raised now. I should be pleased, personally, to match from my own pocket, pound for pound, any sum raised in a public appeal for funds for Mr Mandelson's dowry. I should also like to arrange a nationwide series of spon-

sored charity parachute jumps, to pay for his honey-moon, in Albania, perhaps. But we jump the gun. The banns have yet to be read, the bells yet to peal out their message of national celebration. It may not happen. This leaves us with a third possibility: that Mr Mandelson's proposal is designed to appeal to voters, and he actually thinks that the British electorate will

swallow this sort of guff. You know, quite possibly he does. It is paradoxical but true that those who live in a world in intrigue, dealmaking and political cynicism can become curiously innocent. They get detached from the things that make ordinary people tick. Thus do the cynical weave about themselves a web of naivety, almost childlike. I suppose

it's what my father would call "being too clever by half": Politically an ivory tower, cynical the sound of the people often weave a web the populace. I of naivety about

hope Mr Man-delson and "new" Labour proceed with the plan; I themselves shall be able to have about 15 columns' worth of fun with it. Why only "once in a lifetime", for instance? What if one's first wife is eaten by a shark during the

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honeymoon? Are the sorrows of bereavement to be aggravated by the State's refusal to fund any second Why limit it to the poor? Surely it is the poor - and

only the poor - who may be tempted to marry to secure the loan? Are these not precisely the type of people that new Labour and its target voters would wish to discourage from reproducing? Why for only one spouse? In a multicultural society, Mr Mandelson's suggestion is little short of racist. And, finally, what about me? For I had been encour-

aged by Mr Mandelson's introductory remarks in an early chapter describing the character of his leader. Though having "a mutually supportive family" who "spend time together" ("in addition to Cherie and their three young children, Blair is close to his brother Bill and his sister Sarah"), Tony Blair ("swimming after church on Sundays is a regular event") is no prig. "He does not feel morally superior to those who choose to live their lives differently."

Oh good. I'll just dash out and chew the heads off three hamsters, then.

Conspiracy theorists in the United States have found their ideal presidential candidate

Wall Street, treason

very conspiracy theorist in the United States seems to be backing Pat Buchanan, along with one or two in Britain as well. One of my occasional correspondents is Mr Peter Johnston; I suspect that he also corresponds with quite a number of other people. He has taken up the cudgels on behalf of Pat Buchanan and objects to my reference to Buchanan as "too fascist". He has sent me an open letter and copied it to Norris McWhirter and others.

I do not think his open letter will attract much attention, because his views will be regarded as outside the boundaries of reasonable discourse in Britain, though they would be common enough on the Internet or talk shows in America. However. they interest me precisely because they do fall outside the boundaries of what is discussed on the BBC or in most of the broadsheet press. His views are worth considering, if only because he and quite a few people like him hold them passionately. Certainly, many of Pat Buchanan's voters do. and, up to a point, Mr Buchanan

does himself. Let me quote from Mr Johnston's letter on Pat Buchanan:

"A merchant of fear" — "A merchant of anger" might have been better — more honest! — but then, I suppose your readers would have expected an explanation of why Americans are so

angry: that just wouldn't do, would it! Pat Buchanan is the only Republican candidate who has spurned the bland-ishments of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Bilderberg Group and the Trilateral Commission, and de-nounced the New World Order — a conspiracy to establish "World Gov-ernment". Pat Buchanan is the only Republican candidate committed to reform of the Federal Reserve "system the biggest and most far-reaching fraud ever perpetrated on a free nation. except for the Maastricht Treaty!... Even if Pat Buchanan is "stopped" in his bid for the presidency, already he has swept away the hollow shams of

and Pat Buchanan Press and Money Power, and demonstrated by personal example what one man, armed only with integrity and the courage to act upon it can achieve . . . P.S. To denigrate Mr Buchanan is to denigrate his millions

This is punchy stuff, and I enjoy receiving Mr Johnston's letters, even though I disagree with most of what he has to say. They show what the world looks like from a completely different point of view. I do not know whether Mr Johnston has an American connection himself, but his belief that America has been taken over by Establishment conspirators is very widely held in the United States.

In 1984, the year of President Reagan's second election, I was given a lecture on the world conspiracy by a black taxi driver in Atlanta, Georgia He explained that in 1917, General Motors, US, and General Motors, Russia, had agreed to divide the world between them. Since then they had been in control of their respective countries, employing such characters as Franklin Roosevelt and Joseph Stalin as convenient figureheads. They had organised the Second World War in order to sell arms, and, because they had surplus arms factories after 1945, they had ar-ranged the Cold War. In effect, Reagan and Gorbachev were senior employees of the same company.

At this level of myth, conspiracy theories become completely grotesque, though that does not mean they can be disregarded, as Waco and the Oklahoma City bombing showed. At Mr Johnston's level, the theories may be equally erroneous. but the fact that so many people believe them shows that they possess psychological attraction. To these conspiracy-mongers, as to Pat Bu-chanan, the world is a place manipu-lated by the Establishment — of which columnists like myself form a part - to the disadvantage of outsiders, of ordinary Americans, ordinary Britons or ordinary Rus-

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sians. There is indeed one American propagandist who has broadcast the view that I am the head of the British Secret Service, and that I have conspired with the Dalai Lama to put the Queen on the throne of Mexico. That would be news to MI6, the Dalai Lama and the Queen.

How can one be sure that one's own perception of reality is more reliable? Last time I went to a Bilderberg conference, it was held in Athens, about three years ago. Tony Blair was there, not yet leader of the Labour Party, Conrad Black and Barbara Amiel were there, the Queen

of The Netherlands was there. It was all pleasantly grand. Yet it is hard to think of any subject on which we would be likely to conspire. The Queen of The Netherlands is as Euro-fanatic as Ted Heath. Tony Blair is a modest good European, I have been an anti-Manetricht. have been an anti-Maastricht campaigner and Mr Black is a Canadian neo-realist who owns 500 newspapers. The idea that we all join hands on some witches' Sabbath to manipulate the world is almost as absurd as the belief that I am trying to make the Queen of England the crowned head of Mexico. Yet Mr Johnston is not alone in turning shadows into bogeys. Mr Buchanan himself is threatening to take the United States out of the World Trade Organisation, which he regards as another sinister

international body, conspiring against American interests.

Such popular fears of a conspiracy of power are nothing new; even John Gaunt suffered from the belief that controlled

a sinister Establishment, which included Geoffrey Chaucer. My American grandfather was an active local Democrat who worked on Wall Street; indeed, my mother was kissed as a baby by Grover Cleveland during the campaign of 1892. In 1896, my grandfather could hardly bring himself to vote for William Jennings Bryan because of Bryan's populist attacks on the Wall Street conspiracy. My grandfather did not believe that "mankind is crucified upon a Cross

of Gold". He thought gold was a very useful monetary commodity, as I do myself.

Mr Johnston is probably right to say that Mr Buchanan is "a merchant of anger", though I still think he is also a merchant of fear. There is an anger running through modern society, a terrible anger in Russia, a gallic anger in France, a mild anger in Britain, an anger that could conceivably elect Buchanan in America. It is not a reasonable anger; many of its targets are hard-working people doing useful jobs which hold the world together. Yet anger and fear go hand in hand. Our late-20thcentury fear is the natural product of accelerating economic change.

n my last article on Pat Buchanan. I referred to the opposition he faces from the so-called "cognitive elite", the people who are the beneficiaries of the information age. The phrase comes from The Bell Curve, by Richard J. Herrnstein and Charles Murray. These are the people with high iQs and good edu-cation, who get the highly skilled jobs that pay the best; they often marry other high-earners. They are a pivotal group in the modern world economy, but they are a minority, and people are jealous of their success.

An identifiable privileged minority, like Wall Street financiers in the 1890s. Jewish businessmen in Weimar Germany or the brightest and the best in America of the 1990s are always likely to attract suspicion. fear, anger and hatred. These are dangerous emotions which arise naturally from the resentment of thuse who believe that they stand outside the windows of the clubhouse of power and cannot quite hear what is being said inside. Mr Buchanan both shares these emotions and plays on them; he is the hero of the disempowered, and they help him to split the Republican vote.

Not in front of the nation

Politicians must remember that the media thrive on secrecy, argues

Peter Riddell

oliticians do not really trust the media. And we don't trust politicians either, most journalists will say. You don't even have to echo the resounding claims for the press made by The Times at its most thunderous during the mid-19th-century Delane era to accept the inevitability, even desir-But many politicians now go further and regard the media, or large parts of it, as a mischievous, if not malevolent, force inhibiting the proper working of government. That was implicit not only in the attitudes of many in Whitehall revealed by the Scott report, but also in a lecture given last week by Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman. The argument is central to the nature of our political life and to the extent of open government.

The easy option for a journalist is to consider all politicians to be lying scoundrels out for themelves, who deserve all they get from the media. I do not. Most politicians I know have the usual mixture of human failings, with perhaps a greater element of vanity and certainty than the rest of us. But most are neither corrupt nor part of a conspiracy to distort the public good. Their sin, inherent in a party system. is to mistrust anyone not on their side, whether in the press or the Commons. Hence, the central message of the Scott inquiry was not that William Waldegrave or Sir Nicholas Lyell were wicked or liars they were not - but its revelation of an instinctive preference for secrecy in Whitehall.

Lord Howe of Aberavon was typically more candid than most in his "not in front of the children" attitude his worries over the "enormous"



scope for distortion and misunderstanding if fuller explanations are given. Of course, many matters should remain secret, for reasons of national security or commercial confidence, but too often the reason is likely political embarrassment. As Scott noted, "in circumstances where disclosure might be politically or administratively inconvenient, the balance struck by the Government comes down, time and time again. against full disclosure". The threat is not a national enemy but the Opposition and the press.

Dr Mawhinney's lecture unintentionally offered a gloss on Scott. The Tory chairman is in private more reflective and approachable than his combative public image and his lecture is much more than a politician's whine against the media. Some of his complaints — for instance, about the

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reduction in reporting of parliamentary proceedings — are misconceived. Of course, greater competition between papers has played a part in cutting such verbatim reports, although big events such as the Scott debate a week ago are still covered in depth. But by far the most important reason is that the chamber of the Commons is no longer so central to political life. It has been rivalled by broadcasting studios, select committees and a myriad other activities outside the

But many of his points are uncomfortably near the mark. Much coverage of politics has become too cynical, conspiracy-minded and dominated by soundbites and unrepresentative rebels. Too much lacks perspective or

ticket.

proportion. The trivial and extreme are emphasised over the significant and the mainstream. Everything is seen as a crisis, when often it is merely a hump on the road. Too much is partisan, although not quite in the way he claims about TV dramas and satirical programmes being biased against the Tories. Instead, too much political reporting and comment is linked to party and factional arguments rather than providing an impartial analysis. Much of the media coverage of the Tory leadership election was flawed in this way.

Nonetheless, Dr Mawhinney is

wrong to argue that during the election campaign the media should act primarily as "a channel" for passing on the words of those seeking election with "straightforward reporting" rather than more explana-

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he wanted to know.

tion and interpretation. Policy proposals should obviously be reported in depth, but politicians' statements cannot be taken at face value. They are, by defintion and practice, partial. and it is the press's job to evaluate party claims. Its duty is to do so fairly and the fear that it will not contributes to the culture of secrecy. That is not merely a ministerial response. Peter Mandelson argues in his The Blair Revolution for a statutory right to know. But when I asked him on the BBC's Week in Westminster programme on Saturday whether Labour's policymaking should be more open, he complained about an adversarial press, thriving on the sensational and always nitpicking over policy ideas. The answer is not continued defen-

siveness but greater openness. The best case is, paradoxically, provided nent itself tution has not collapsed as a result of its many openness initiatives; publishing Questions of Procedure for Ministers, disclosing the membership of Cabinet committees, putting the intelligence agencies on a statutory footing and subject to parliamentary oversight, releasing many official records and giving parents and patients access to official records. Most important of all has been Kenneth Clarke's decision to publish the minutes of his monthly meetings with the Governor of the Bank of England on monetary policy. This would have been unthinkable ten years ago. Even though it is an uneasy and over-personalised halfway house, the financial press and the markets have not overreacted to differences of emphasis and timing on interest rate changes.

Policymaking would be improved if more information was provided not Civil Service advice that might compromise political impartiality. but expert and background analyses on options, as the Campaign for Freedom of Information has urged. That has happened in countries with similar "Westminster" models, such as Australia and Canada. The case for openness is practical as well as demo-cratic. Politicians may be wary of the media's response. But they should remember that journalists thrive on secrecy rather than openness.

Royal penalty

England at Murrayfield on Saturday, the Princess Royal took another blow on the rugby field vesterday. She was on the touchline when Peter, her 18-year-old son, was injured and had to leave the pitch.

The match was a trial game in Edinburgh for the Scotland schoolbuy team. Peter has already played for the schoolboys against France and Wales, and has proved popu-



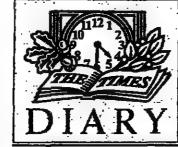
ability on the pitch as for his lockerroom humour after the game.

But during a scrum yesterday, he tore a muscle in his back. He grimaced as a physiotherapist treated him, then made a disconsolate exit from the field of play to watch from the sidelines with his mother and Tim Laurence, her husband.

The injury is not expected to prevent his playing in the needle match against England at the end of the month, should the selectors want him. If he is selected, my advice is not to follow the example of the Scottish national side and go to the cinema on the eve of the match for relaxation.

They chose Braveheart, a rousing film about the 13th-century nationalist William Wallace who painted his face in Scotland's colours before doing battle with the English. And it signally failed to inspire the Scots rugger players to victory on Saturday.

● Paul Kcating, the iguana-tongued political has-been, will become rich in a few weeks when he leaves the Australian Parliament after his drubbing in the elections.



Canberra statisticans say that the republican's payout after 27 years in the federal Parliament will be more than £300,000, with a pen-sion top-up of some £70,000 a year. The Queen will not be amused.

Feeling blue

BLUE-STOCKINGED Girton girls have been part of Cambridge life for more than a century, but they have just discovered to their fury that they are not officially con-sidered to belong to Cambridge.

Modern undergraduates at Girton, who now include men, are angry that they are not eligible for the student discounts of a Cambridge City Council Leisurecard because the college is in South Cambridge District Council. "They are making us feel like second-class students," fulminates Aodham Connolly, the president of the JCR. The city council, however, remains intransigent.

Eton record

ETON College hit its way into the record books at the weekend with the first-ever charity rackets marathon lasting 24 hours. Relays of boys and Old Etonians played a series of continuous doubles matches from 12:30pm on Saturday to 12.30pm yesterday.

Prince William was approached to take part in the competition, but did not. In the event, thousands of pounds was raised for a cancer charity.

Knockout

WHY DO boxers embarrass us all by proposing to their girlfriends just when they look their worst (after a boxing match) and in the most vulgar of surroundings (the boxing ring)?

With one eye split and the other half closed. Nigel Benn dropped on one knee in a sea of sweat after losing his WBC super middleweight fight on Saturday night and proposed to his girlfriend, Caroline, who accepted. Chris Eubank pro-

posed after a fight in 1990. His in favour of these public proposals. tongue had been cut in the fight and enunciation was not his strong

Desmond Morris, author of The Naked Apc. offers an explanation. "The male boxer is adopting a primeval role in which he is earning his keep by bravery, courage and risk-taking," he says. "So he can be as sloppy as he likes without people thinking him a softy."

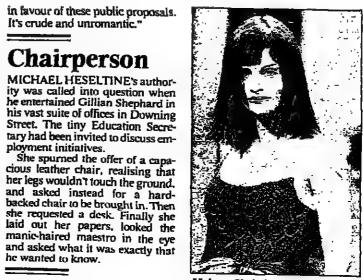
Dresilla Beyfus, the mistress of etiquette and author of Modern Manners, despairs: "I am not at all



Booty

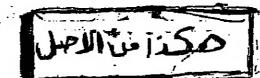
NO STONE was left unturned to ensure that one of the highlights of London Fashion Week, the designer Tomasz Starzewski's show at Asprey's, ran without a glitch.

The rumour is that Asprey's removed its gents and baubles from the shop before the show in case some of the beautiful people in the audience might be tempted to pocket a trinket or two. Asprey's, in-



Helena Christiansen: no baubles

stead of depositing the jewels in another building is said to have placed them in a heavily fortified van. So while Helena Christiansen and her friends swanned about on the catwalk, a less fashionable individual from the world of security was driving aimlessly about London with a boot full of gold.





VIEW FROM THE EAST.

Deeper currents could still carry the Tories to victory

The further the vantage point, the clearer the view or so the travelling politician likes to think. As John Major contemplates the future from the Hong Kong home of his friend Chris Patten, he can see himself in a colony whose economic success vindicates his vision and alongside a man whose moderate Conservative instincts reinforce his own. Away from the daily concerns of Westminster, Mr Major's view from the Pacific Rim is of a prospect which, despite looming squalls, looks slowly brighter.

Seven days ago the air was thick with fatal threats. The Scott report might have provoked a vote of confidence. The defection of Peter Thurnham confirmed the impression that Tory MPs were preparing for defeat rather than a fight. The Prime Minister's single proudest act of statesmanship, the Ulster peace process, was in grave peril.

A week later those concerns have somewhat abated. Victory, however slim, last Monday took the sting out of Scott. The debate marked a little more unravelling of the administration's authority but it could have been so much worse. Mr Thurnham's defection became increasingly seen as a matter of pride rather than principle. As for Mister, there will be difficult days ahead: but last week Mr Major gave a good impression of a man driving events.

The Prime Minister may well reflect on hopeful signs from the East itself this weekend. In Australia a Socialist party committed to constitutional reform lost to a conservative coalition led unassertively but prepared to tackle public spending and resist organised labour. From Hong Kong still thriving under low taxes and light regulation despite the communist threat ahead -Britain looks less like the decaying Ruritania described by Labour's literary fantasists and more like a modern State equipped to compete economically with global challenges. Unsentimental investors in Pacific boardrooms make Britain their location of choice. The supply-side reforms that the Tories introduced in the Eighties attracted, and still attract, foreign industry. Mr Major is consolidating that advantage.

Success with the economy does not win elections on its own, but it does make possible the Tories' best potential electoral message: "Don't Let Labour Ruin It". Another interest rate cut may come soon and real disposable incomes are on an upward curve. Voters who enjoy increasing prosperity become less susceptible to health and unemployment fears. As economic statistics improve, so Labour's hold on voters' affections should become less firm. The salience of reasons for discontent - among backbenchers, financial backers and voters — will diminish.

These deeper currents will not, however, carry the Tories smoothly forward. Labour is prepared for them and is showing no complacency. Defeats in the South-East Staffordshire by-election and May's local elections will intensify the counter-pressures on morale. The Tory Left maintains a porous border towards Labour and the Liberal Democrats. Relations with the Unionists who can, and want to, sustain Mr Major through to next year are strained. Imminent examination of Westminster Council's record will give new impetus to the "sleaze" allegations that are at the heart of the electorate's tiredness with Tory rule.

Yet none of these difficulties individually strikes at the surest Tory strut, identified in 1992 by Mr Patten when he was chairman of the Tory party. Elections, he argued, are won only by opposition parties who are seen to have a set of ideas appropriate to the new challenges of the age. In 1945 and 1979 the tide of ideas ran overwhelmingly in the Opposition's favour. In 1996 the force and

direction of the tide is less clear. The Hong Kong Governor, examining the outlines of the Blair revolution from his own distant retreat, will find little in the ideology more modern than ideas he was himself abandoning as a Tory "wet" in the early Eighties. Lack of coherence in the Commons, lack of will in the Cabinet, lack of trust in the country: all these have been hallmarks of the Major Government and could still bring it to bitter defeat. But if the Conservatives keep faith with the instincts that saw them win in the past and the ideas that will prepare Britain for the free-market future, then victory is still possible. Mr Patten may even find that he can replace one troubled official residence with another.

HOWARD'S TURN

Australia's new leader has a mandate: he should use it

Few people in Britain will weep at the defeat of Paul Keating, the former Australian Prime Minister whose abrasive manner and determination to turn Australia into a here. Nor, we suspect, would Mr Keating want them to. He is a proud man with much to be proud about. But his defeat, when it finally came, was decisive: about a third of his cabinet lost their seats.

The fall of a veteran centre-left leader will have repercussions beyond Australia, not least in Britain. Tony Blair has looked to Mr Keating's remodelling of the Australian Labor Party in reforming his own. Now the two will have more time to talk.

The republican issue played only a small part in the result. John Howard, the leader of the Liberal-National coalition, is a strong monarchist who knows that many in his party support the move for Australia to elect its head of state. With only 10 per cent of those asked in a recent poll wanting the Queen to remain, he has promised to call a convention. This means delaying change until well beyond 2001, the year by which Mr Keating had promised a republic.

Far more important to Australian voters was the economy. Many blamed Mr Keating for not doing enough to bring down unemployment, still stuck at 8 per cent. Other recent indicators, however, are generally good: inflation is low, growth is steady and Mr Howard has room for manoeuvre in tackling the two main challenges of reducing the budget deficit and enacting labour

market reforms. Mr Howard will provoke strong opposition when he attempts to reduce the power of the unions. But most Australians believe that reforms are urhis attempts to make Labor a modern, business-orientated party, was not the man to carry them out. The widespread feeling that it was time for

a change was perhaps the most deadly weapon Mr Howard was able to deploy Australians have an appetite for knock about politics but many of them found Mr Keating's parliamentary insults and temper tantrums demeaning. Mr Howard, by comparison, is much less colourful. He has been able to use this "Honest John" image to project a promise of plain dealing and plain sailing. He does not yet convince outsiders that he has the dash and political instincts of Mr Keating; but every new leader needs time to establish himself, and the Liberal Party, which has seen six changes of leadership in tenyears, has been a rickety platform on which to build a public following.

Many of Labor's policies - such as Mr Keating's attempt to anchor Australia more firmly in Asia and cement its ties with neighbours in the Far East will continue. The party itself now seems set for a protracted struggle over a new leadership and new identity. Mr Howard, with twice as many MPs as Labor, has an unusual opportunity to put into action policies honed in opposition. He should make the most of it.

FANCY PRICES

The football boom is getting bigger all the time

When Manchester United meet Newcastle United on the field tonight, the combined value of their squads will be around £60 million. On each side, one of the players carries a price tag of £7 million. British football now commands sums unthinkable even five years ago. Inflation may have been tamed in much of the country; on the football field it is a raging tiger.

Football is full of money. Clubs have torn down their terraces and put up bright stadiums. Ticket prices for London clubs have risen to about £25, making an afternoon's football an expensive expedition for a family of supporters. The golden triangle of football, television and sponsorship is rapidly transforming the game into very big business. Manchester United's turnover last year was £44 million, and the club has just signed a kit sponsorship deal with Umbro for £60 million over six years. Indeed individual players in the top teams are now able to command personal sponsor-

ship contracts running into millions. Television is the goose now laying these golden eggs. With the millions of pounds available from Sky's exclusive live football acoverage of the Premiership, its managers have been able to buy talent as never before. A manager determined to improve his team's performance can look for the best players overseas, offer money that ensures a transfer, and thus add a Cantona or Gullit

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with all the zip and crowd-pulling power that may be absent in home-grown players.

This money has given clubs unprecedented freedom to improve their game and inspire the next generation. But the windfall has not been evenly distributed among those currently in the business. The rich clubs have grown immensely more powerful, with Liverpool, Manchester United and Newcastle now moving into a super-league, far beyond the capabilities even of their nearest rivals. First division clubs take the bulk of ITV's money, which leaves them poor by comparison. But they are still better off than the second and third division clubs, who are the struggling poor, relying on local pride to fill their stadiums.

The boom is likely to stay strong, however. For the moment, Britain is especially lucky: the growth of world satellite television has added a vast audience, especially in the Far East. British football, though less elegant or classic than Italian, is overwhelmingly the most popular. And the top teams are

household names from Bogota to Bangkok. The only danger is that, as clubs become global teams, the giants, such as Milan, Ajax and Manchester United, will become too far distant from the national leagues which train, feed and sustain them. Those players tonight whose values seem more suited to the financial pages than the sports pages need somewhere to spend their early days.

as market changes From Mr Ian P. F. Dewar

Sir, Mark Seddon, Editor of Tribune (letter. February 26), seems shocked that his magazine will no longer be sold in W H Smith, when he should have been prepared for this eventuality. Publishing is one of the most vigorous UK markets at the moment, publishers' profits are increasing steadily and the number of magazine titles available has increased by a

third in the last ten years.
Businesses like W H Smith can no longer display all the titles available, especially as their competitors are no longer just other high-street newsagents, but supermarkets, who al-ready have a 34 per cent share of magazine retail sales.

Any food manufacturer could have warned Tribune that their existence would be threatened once the supermarkets started stocking the most popular titles and taking profits from the most easily achieved sales, leaving W H Smith with a less profitable business. With this simply acquired know-ledge, Tribune could have embarked on an exercise to increase their subscription sales and thus guarantee future circulation before it was too late.

Yours faithfully. IAN DEWAR, 48 Palace Road, East Molesey, Surrey. February 26.

From Mr Roger Melody

Sir, Mark Seddon is wrong to imply that political considerations influence the decisions taken by major retail newsagents on which publications they will display. Those decisions are increasingly and, many will feel, quite properly driven by just one consideration: will the publication sell?

However, a publication's freedom of speech is devalued if it is denied access to the means of distribution. We have estimated that W H Smith's and John Menzies' retail outlets account for 60 per cent of the sales of publications such as Tribune. In addition the wholesale divisions of those companies control the supply of publications to nearly 70 per cent of independent newsagents. Access to distribution channels is effectively in the gift of these two major companies and their decisions can make or break small publications.

When deciding if a publication will have access to these channels the dominant newstrade companies have hitherto exercised even-handed judgment, balancing their own interests against the interests of publishers and the public good. If that is now changing it tions. Let us hope that the competition authorities are alert to this danger.

Yours sincerely. ROGER MELODY (Publisher). Circulation Factors, Highfield House, 30 Highfield Road, Purley, Surrey. February 26.

From Miss Kate Taylor

Sir. Journals like Tribune, which serve only a modest market, are not the only publications to suffer from new purchasing policies at W H Smith. Until now staff at the company's stores have been able to exercise their own judgment in buying books

on local history.

We have had a long and happy rela-tionship with the branch in Wakefield, providing scholarly and wellprinted books at a 33 per cent discount. Quite recently the store took an initial 300 copies of one of our titles and has reordered regularly since. Now, however, the company is insisting on 48 per cent discount, 60 days' credit and a sale-or-return agreement. These terms are quite impossible for voluntary bodies like ourselves who publish works of local significance in essentially limited print-runs and work to tiny profit margins.

In places like this, where W H Smith is the only major bookseller and thus an important outlet, it seems likely that works on local history which have hitherto been viable will simply no longer be published.

Yours etc. KATE TAYLOR (Honorary Managing Editor), Wakefield Historical Publications. 19 Pinder's Grove. Wakefield, Yorkshire. February 28.

Land of promise

From Mr Roger Vincent

Sir. Developments in Albania are indeed welcome (report and leading article, February 23). The normalisation of our representation in Tirana at ambassador level offers an excellent opportunity to build on the historic affinity between the Albanian people and Britain. Albanians have strong memories of visits by literary figures and by the Special Operations Executive in the Second World War.

During the eight months I recently spent working in Albania as an EU monitor it was obvious that this bond is deep-seated and enduring; English has become the strongest foreign language in Tirana University.

Two of the greatest assets of this "land of the eagles" are the magnificent mountains and the people, whose hospitality is second to none.

Yours sincerely, ROGER VINCENT, 2 Parkside, West Bagborough. Taunton, Somerset.

Titles' fight for life Universities in an age of efficiency tiny "ivy league" of universities. If Sir

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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From Professor Ian Fells, FEng

Sir, There was a time when the job of a university don was to keep the undergraduates amused whilst they grew three years older. Times have changed. Those of us who actually have to teach and examine both undergraduates and postgraduates are not as sanguine about the maintenance of standards as Diana Warwick and the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (letter, February 2b).

Universities are now run like industrial companies, some more efficiently than others, by vice-chancellors who prefer to describe themselves as chief executives. As many of these businesses have annual turnovers exceeding £120 million, much of it public money, such a change in approach may be unavoidable. But have we thrown out the

baby with the bath water? Student numbers have doubled over the last decade to over one million, twice the total Robbins was aiming at in his 1963 review of higher education. They are taught in overcrowded, inadequate lecture theatres and laboratories by dedicated staff now so harassed by bureaucracy of assessment, research grants, fundraising and inflation of A-level standards that pleasure in their vocation has all but died out.

The situation is made worse by salaries which have steadily worsened in real terms, so that a young lecturer with a doctorate and two years' experience starts at a salary of around £16,000, which is less than that of a lance corporal in the Army.

What has gone in the mad dash to amass large research contracts, with successful professors being traded like football stars, is the pursuit of academic excellence, loyalty to institu-tions and time to think and reflect. Harassed lecturers begrudge time spent just talking to students; they do not want to serve on university senate or council committees as it does not count towards promotion - they just possible, often of pedestrian quality.

publish as many research papers as Indeed it is quality and commitment that is slipping away at all but a

sity system from the madder vagaries of the marketplace and reinstate the pursuit of excellence he will have done

Ron Dearing can protect the univer-

Yours faithfully, IAN FELLS, University of Newcastle, Department of Chemical and Process Engineering. Merz Court, Newcastle upon Tyne NEI 7RU. February 27.

From Professor Rosamond **McGuinness**

Sir, "If excellence [in higher educa-tion] is to be entrenched and the nation's resources channelled most effectively" in the important area of quality assurance, as your leading article (February 21) suggests, the gap between design of quality assessment procedures and their implementation by the Higher Education Funding

Council for England must be closed.

There should be consistency and parity from institution to institution. and improvements should be commensurate with expenditure. Only then will any suggestions for higher education reform have credibility with the profession.

Yours sincerely, ROSAMOND McGUINNESS, Royal Holloway, University of London. Department of Music, Egham, Surrey TW20 OEX. February 24.

From Mr Ron Johnston

Sir, I hope Sir Ron Dearing doesn't rely on your Education Correspondent's history of the subject (report, February 20) for his review of higher education. Robbins reported in 1963, when the universities of Essex, Sussex and Lancaster already existed.

RON JOHNSTON, 123 The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire. February 21.

Sacrificing it seems a small price to

pay for the sake of a much more valu-

able contribution to the nation's well-

Church View, Evercreech, Somerset.

Sir. What has happened to politicians

who believe what they say, say what they think and then stand by it? The

performance of Ronald Davies and

Tony Blair leaves me ever more con-

vinced that the British public would

A. M. S. HUTTON-WILSON,

Yours faithfully,

Priory Cottage.

Labour and royals

From Miss A. M. S. Hutton-Wilson

Sir. From the broadcast excerpts of his speech, Mr Ronald Davies's criticism of Prince Charles (report, March 2) was aimed specifically at his participation in what are variously referred to as "country sports" or "blood sports", according to differing persuasions. There are many who argue that From Mr C. L. Simpson "country sports" contribute to the pre servation of the countryside, and Mr Davies, however backhandedly, acknowledged the Prince's environmen-

tal commitment. However, I feel Prince Charles ignores at his peril the rising tide of public opinion concerning animal welfare, which, while arousing high passions and provoking intemperate outbursts, is no longer simply the province of so-called "cranks".

If current trends continue, "blood sports" will be a far greater cause of disapproval than adultery. Divorce will shortly resolve one issue, but the continuing participation by Prince Charles and his sons in hunting and shooting will provide ample scope for further criticism and risks undermining his otherwise admirable projects.

vote in droves for any political party which had members who stood or fell by their beliefs and actions. The cringe-making picture of a Shadow Cabinet Minister withdrawing

what were obviously firmly held views when browbeaten by his party leader, does no credit to either of C. L. SIMPSON, ! Maplewood Gardens.

Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

March 2

Countryside consensus

From Sir David Steel. MP for Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale Liberal Democrati

Sir. Marion Shoard (letter, February 21) suggests that I was endeavouring. my letter of February 15, to pour cold water on consensus in the countryside [see also letters, February 9, 12, 16, 17]. Nothing could have been fur-ther from my mind. It is crucial that the countryside gets proper recogni-tion and support from all political par-

But what we all must appreciate and this comment applies equally to those who live in the country as well as those who live in our towns -- is that the British countryside is just as much a place of industry as any other part of Britain. Country people go about their business in a diligent and sensible manner, often in the face of simple misunderstanding, sometimes

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Southlands, 29 Compton Way,

Moor Park, Farnham, Surrey.

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F. WALFORD TAYLOR,

regrettably in the teeth of outright antipathy.

Ms Shoard's example of the existence of a "right to roam" in Sweden and Norway provides a perfect illustration. In Sweden, for every square kilometre of land there are 19 inhabitants, in Norway just 13. But in the United Kingdom, for every square kilometre there are 239 people: the figure for England alone is 373.

If the British countryside is to remain the thing of beauty which is admired throughout the world, and if it is to continue to provide food for our tables and recreation for millions of our citizens, its delicate equilibrium must be recognised and it must be respected. That is why it must be sensimanaged.

Yours sincerely DAVID STEEL (Executive Chairman). The Countryside Movement, 11 Tufton Street, SWI.

Voices on 'Today' Politics and pop From the Director-General of the

From Mr F. Walford Taylor British Phonographic Industry Sir, Your columnists (February 27-29:

Sir, The reason so many politicians at-March 1; see also letters, February 29. March 2) have suggested, in turn, that tend the Brit Awards is not that they Mr Hobday's tenure on the Today hope to be seen grooving on TV by the nation's youth (leading article, Februprogramme be preserved by disposary 21; see also letters, February 24 ing of the services of one of the other presenters, namely. Humphrys. and 29). The music industry enjoys a close Naughtie, Ford or MacGregor. May I respectfully propose that in

relationship with politicians from all the interest of both economy and lisparties because politicians recognise tening pleasure the services of all of its economic value. In 1995 the UK music industry was worth £1 billion at them be dispensed with and that, folhome, and earned a further El.1 billowing the precedent of their predelion in exports. It defines an image of cessor, Mr Jack di Manio, Mr Peter Britain abroad that helps to sell other Hobday be appointed sole presenter British goods and services. at an appropriately enhanced salary.

Politicians may also recognise the cultural value of the music industry. providing as it does the soundtrack to the nation's daily life.

Yours sincerely. JOHN DEACON, Director-General. BPI, 25 Savile Row, WI. February 21.

The right answer for the National?

From Mr John Goodwin

Sir. Benedict Nightingale questions whether Trevor Nunn, the favourite to succeed Richard Eyre as Director of the National Theatre, is the best choice ('Can Nunn really be the answer?", Arts, February 28). He worries that Nunn's established brilliance as a director, and his experience skilfully running the RSC in the 1970s, leave him with "nothing to prove", adding that he is unlikely therefore to possess the fire and commitment the job

This is surely nonsense. The passion to achieve remarkable (and sometimes risky) things never leaves a truly creative person. Moreover, Nunn is in a strong position to resist inevitable siren calls tempting him away from the National now and then with offers of the occasional film or lucrative stage production. His success with musicals has made him a wealthy man. My guess is that he would now find a total

commitment to the National both ful-filling and challenging. Surprising, too, are the reasons for Nightingale's inclination towards the other front-runners. Sam Mendes, 30, and Stephen Daldry, 35 - chiefly, it seems, that Nunn (for heaven's sake) is 56. This not only dashes my hope that ageism is fast becoming unfashionable. It misses the point. The best person for the job is the best person for

the job.

The talented Sam Mendes and Stephen Daldry should be left, for a while at least, to continue running the Donmar and the Royal Court respectively. to the benefit of the theatre as a whole

Yours sincerely, JOHN GOODWIN. 52a Digby Mansions, Hammersmith Bridge Road, Wo.

From the Artistic Director of the Royal Shakespeare Company

Sir, I have absolutely no intention of contributing to the debate about the next Director of the National Theatre. However, I was so dismayed by Benedict Nightingale's instinuation that Trevor Nunn would be a "part-time captain" of the National Theatre, were he to succeed Richard Eyre, that I must briefly break my silence.

Peddling worn-out, unsubstantiated gossip from the early 1980s about Nunn's so-called "absenteeism" surely besmirches his honour and demeans the achievements of one of the giants of contemporary theatre.

And what evidence does Mr Nightingale bring to bear? A "reputed" letter to Jimmy Savile from a group of tally was never sent (the reason they had not seen Trevor Nunn was that he was on sabbatical leave, the first he had taken in 16 years at the helm of the largest theatre company in Britain). And Ken Branagh's jokey accusation that Trevor did not see his Henny V until its 138th performance — an accusation that Nunn quickly stated, in a letter to The Observer, to be totally without foundation and which I believe Ken to have regretted ever since. As a "rookie" RSC director in the

early 1980s I found Trevor one of the most inspiring people I had ever met and capable of commanding extraordinary loyalty in all quarters of the сотралу. Yours faithfully

ADRIAN NOBLE, Artistic Director, Royal Shakespeare Company, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire. March 1.

In the steps of Drake

From Mr Michael Ward

Sir, The barely known historic sites along the Thames (letters, February 23. 28) deserve close attention from those reviving river bus services as an essential link to the millennium site at Greenwich (report, later editions, February 29). Most of them are best visited from the river. What Mrs Dorothy Elliott calls

Drake's Steps are surely known also as Commissioners' [of the Admiralty] Stairs. A plaque, placed in 1981 on the former Royal Victoria Dockyard store near by, marks the 400th anniversary of Drake's circumnavigation of the globe and Queen Elizabeth's visit to the Golden Hind. Donated by the Drake Society of Palo Alto, California, the plaque nar-

rates at length Drake's achievement and the link between his American landfall and this site.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL WARD. 5 The Lane, Blackheath Park, SE3. March 1.

A sea change

From Mr A. D. Baird

Sir, Yesterday I applied a coat of white marine gloss to the topsides of my sailing boat and, having completed the job, stepped back to survey the fruits of my efforts: only to find the wet hull peppered with small flies stuck in the

Does this qualify as the year's "first sighting"?

Yours faithfully. ANDREW BAIRD. Wrights Close, South Wonston, Winchester, Hampshire. February 28.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 2: The Princess Royal, Patron, Scottish Rughy Union, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, this afternoon attended the International Rugby Match between Scotland and England at Murrayfield and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Nor-man Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord March 3:

engagements in Paris.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a reception at Buckingham Palace at opm for the wirmers of The Queen's Awards for Export Technological and Environmental Achievement.

The Princess Royal, as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will attend a meeting of the committee of trustees at 81 New gate Street, ECI, at Ilam.

Princess Alexandra, as President, will attend a reception given by the Friends of the V&A at the Victoria and Albert Museum at 7.20pm.

Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at Ham.

The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30am.

Latest appointments

General Sir Edward Burgess has heen appointed by the Duke of Edinburgh, Grand President of the British Commonwealth ex-Services League, as Deputy Grand President of the league. He suc-uceds Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi, who is retiring after ten

Mr Ray McAlee has been ap-pointed to be a Commissioner on the Board of Customs and Excise.

Award

Mr Walter Lessing, founder and chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Club, has been presented with the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, at a ceremony at the German Embassy for his work in promoting closer relations be-tween Britain and Germany.

tumbling, and making their

"peewit" cry, over the open

spaces where they will nest.

They also dive out of the sky at

other lapwings on the bound-

aries of their territory, or

chase them over the grass.

running very fast with their long crests lifted.

Many small birds have

formed into pairs, and fly

around their territory togeth-

er. Chaffinch pairs are com-

mon now in gardens: the male

has a pink breast and, in

spring, a bright blue cap,

while the female is mostly

conspicuously in the tops of

waterside willows: both sexes

have moustaches, and the

male has acquired a black cap

and white collar for the

On some early hawthorns, the leaf-buds are breaking into

Pairs of reed buntings sit

olive-brown.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Alan Battersby professor of organic chemistry. 71; Sir Arthur Bryan, former Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, 73; Mr Nicholas Coleridge, journalist, 39; Mr Kenny Dalglish, football man-

Mr Graham Dowling, cricketer, 59; Professor H. J. Eysenck, psychologist, 80; Mr Harvey Gold-smith. impresario, 50; Mr Jeff Grayshon, rugby league player, 47; Mr Bernard Haitink, conduc-tor, 67; Mr John Hunt, former Headmaster, Roedean School, 64; Lord Johnston of Rockport, 81; Mr Ralph Kirshbaum, cellist, 50; Mr Stuart Mawson, otolaryngologist, 78: Mr Patrick Moore, astronome 73: Mr Alan Sillitoe, writer, 68: Mr Peter Skellern, composer and singer, 49; Sir Keith Stuart, chairman, Associated British Porta Holdings, 56.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Henry the Navigator Portuguese patron of voyages of discovery, Porto, 1394; Antonio Vivaldi, composer, Venice, 1673; Sir Henry Raeburn, portrait painter. Edinburgh, 1756; painter. Edinburgh, 1756; Giovanni Schiaparelli, astrono-mer, Savigliano, Italy, 1835; Ad-miral Luis Carrero Blanco, Prime Minister of Spain 1973, Santona, Spain, 1903; Jim Clark, world champion racing driver, Berwick

DEATHS: Saladin, Sultan of Egypt 1175-73. Damascus. 1193; Bernard Cilipin "Aposde of the North", Houghton-le-Spring, Dur-ham, 1583; William Willett, originator of daylight saving, Chislehurst, Kent, 1915; Sir Charles Sherrington, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1932, Eastbourne, 1952, William Carlos Williams, physician and poet, Rutherford New Jersey, 1963.

King Henry VI was deposed by Edward Duke of York (King Edward IV), 1461. He was restored The RNLI was founded, 1824.

The Forth Bridge was opened, The first North Sea gas was piped ashore off the Durham coast, 1967.

The lapwing

tiny green shoots; on many of

the bushes there are also dark

red berries from last year's

enormous harvest. Aider trees

are covered with catkins, most

of them still hard and purple.

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unscented flowers.

while others are green and

Nature notes

Latest wills

Mr Thomas Martin Brentnall, of Burton upon Trent, Stafford-..... 2867.830 Mr Albert William Moore, of Mrs Pamela Mary Murphy. of Hollingdon. Buckingham-

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Mr Robert Charles Kilpatrick Thoroson, of South Littleton, Sweet violets are in flower E1,954.971 on sheltered banks in the Mr John Robert Bourne, of Manswoods: they will be followed at field, Nottinghamshire E703,051 the end of the month by Mr Cyril John tans Hartley Wintney, Hamp-£1,854,897 Mr Cyril John Ellis Brake, of common dog violets and wood dog violets, both of which have Mrs Gizella Rochelle Fowler, of DIM



St Hugh's Carthusian monastery, which hopes to increase recruitment to the order once restoration is complete

Historic Carthusian house restored

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE last working Carthusian house in Britain, St Hugh's monastery at Parkminster, West Sussex, is nearing the final stages of its restoration.

The monastery, which dates from about 1874, is an unusual example of 19th-century French architecture in England. Built in the French Gothic Revival style to the design of the Normand Brothers of Calais, the monastery is a Grade II* listed building, and is remarkable for its size and the unity of design.

The Order of Carthusians, with its distinctive white habit, was founded in 1084 by St Bruno in Chartreuse, France, and houses were established throughout Europe. The order was established in England in 1180 but dissolved by Henry VIII. The Carthusians built St Hugh's

after fears that the Government of the Third Republic (1870-1940) would expel the order from France. Today there are 25 monks living in seclusion at St Hugh's monastery. They are vegetarians and each inhabits a self-contained cell

with a garden. The monastery is being been restored with the help of a £117,107 grant from English Heritage. Bill Startin, head of English Heritage's conservation team for the South East, said: The monastery is of outstanding importance because of the quality of materials used and the building's construction methods, togethwith its liturgical and other

The grant has enabled phase four of a five-phase programme of orgent repairs to the monastery to be completed. The next phase includes repairs to the library roof, cloister garth roofs and more cells. The final phase of repairs will cover the church roof, tower beliry and floors, sacristy and sacristan's cell and remain ing monks' cells.

The refurbishment programme, previous phases of which have also been funded by English Heritage, is intended to bring the monastery to a condition that will increase recruitment to the order, which will in turn help to ensure the building's long-term survival. The current programme is expected to be completed by the end of the year, but further repairs to the monastery may be considered

St Hugh's operates on a limited income and the general chapter of the Order of Carthusians has given the monastery [] million towards the repair

University news

Among other projects to receive

funding is the researcy by Jane Leonard of the Institute of Irish

Studies on conflict commemora-

tion in 20th-century Northern Ire-

land, which has received £30,242

from the Central Community Rela-

To the Chair of Anaesthesia - Dr

Howard Fee, formerly a Senior

To a Chair in Computer Modelling

of Macromolecules/Molecular

Dynamics Simulation of Con-

densed Matter Physics - Dr

Dr Finnis was previously em-

ployed by the United Kingdom

Lecturer/Consultant

Anaesthetics at Oueen's.

Michael William Finnis.

tions Unit.

The Queen's University of Belfast Queen's University has won research funding of more than E3.3

The latest grants have come including the Department of Economic Development's Industrial Research and Technology Unit, government departments, industry,

research councils and the Eurocean Union. The funding is for studies in the university's Faculties of Agriculture and Food Science, Engineering, Medicine and Science. The Northern Ireland Technology Centre at Queen's, the University's environmental research initiative - the QUESTOR Centre - and its institute of Irish Studies have also

benefited. The largest single grant, £1.25 million from the LRTU Technology Development Programme, has been awarded to a team from the University's Schools of Mathematics and Physics, and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. The grant is towards the setting-up of the Northern Ireland Centre for Advanced Materials, a joint programme with the University of Ulster.

The grants include an award of

about £120,000 from the European Atomic Energy Authority and the Max Planck Institute in Stuttgart. Union to Dr Ricky Rankin of the Department of Computer Science, To a Chair in Pharmacy - Dr to take part in a collaborative David Woolfson, previously project aimed at increasing co-Reader in Pharmaceutical Science

performance computing centres. To the Chair of Accounting - Alan The European Union has also John Anthony Sangster, currently Reader in Accounting at the funded Queen's research on improving the weilbeing of elderty University of Strathclyde. patients. This work, by Professo James McElnay of the School of Pharmacy, received a grant of

As Deputy Director of the Health and Health Care Research Unit -Dr Dermot O'Reilly, a former locum consultant in public health medicine and Research Fellow in the Northern Ireland Cancer Registry.

Honorary Titles Honorary Professor, in the School of Education: Dr Fred McBride, Director of Computer Services at

Honorary Lecturer in the School of Clinical Medicine: Dr Pooler Archbold, Consultant Chemical Pathologist in Belfast City Hospital; Dr Peter Coyle, Consultant Virologist in the Regional Virus Laboratory in the Royal Group of Hospitals, and Dr Colin Graham, a top grade Clinical Scientist in the Department of Medical Genetics in Belfast City Hospital.

Marriages

Major J.R.M. Palmer and Miss M.M. Osbaldesin

MARTIN BEDDAL

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Andrew's, East Lulworth, Dorset, of Major Jonathan Palmer, The King's Royal Hussars, son of Major-General Sir Michael and Lady Palmer, of West Lulworth, to Miss Maxine Osbaldestin, daughter of Mrs Marion Whitaker, of Appleby, Cumbria. The Rev W.

Rogers officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr Gordon Oshaldestin, brother, was attended by Jennifer Prescott, Rory Hodges and Miss Caroline Sargent Mr Timothy Atkinson A guard of honour was found by

non-commissioned officers of The King's Royal Hussars.

A reception was held at Lulworth and the honeymoon will be spent in South Africa.

The Hon Charles Montagu and the Hon Angela Rawlinson The marriage took place quietly in London, on Saturday, February 24, 1996, between the Hon Charles Montagu, only son of Lord and Lady Swaythling, and the Hon Angela Rawlinson, daughter of

Mr H.A.E. Rogers

and Mrs J.E. Mills The marriage took place on March 2, in Falmouth, of Mr Anthony Rogers, of Carwinion, near Fai-mouth, and Mrs Jane Mills.

Lord and Lady Rawlinson of

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. Kitchingman and Miss C. Bainbridge The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs E. Kitchingman, of Lidget Green, Bradford, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David W. Bainbridge, of Shipley, West Yorkshire.

Mr J. Levin and Miss J. Baker

The engagement is announced between Joseph, only son of Mr and Mrs D. Levin, of London, and Janice, only daughter of Mr K. Baker, of Liverpool, and Mrs Brenda Ackroyd, of Tarleton,

Mr T.J. Slesinger and Miss E.E. Peyton-Jones The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr Anthony Slesinger, of South Ken-sington, London, and Mrs Jill Johnston, of Midhurst, West Sussex, and Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr Jeremy Peyton-Jones and of Mrs Jeremy Peyton-Jones, of Puttenham, Surrey.

Reception

Westminster School The Head Master of Westminster School held a Reception on Thursday, February 29, in Ashbumham House after the Henry Tizard Memorial Lecture given by Dr Allan Chapman, MA, DPhil, FRAS, of the Faculty of Modern History, University of Oxford. The Chairman was Professor G.L.E. Turner, FSA, Professor of the History of Scientific Instruments. Imperial College, University of ondon, and among the guests were representatives from a number of schools and other educational and scientific estab-

Thanksgiving service

Lord O'Bries of Lothbury A Service of Thanksgiving for the GBE, PC, FRCM, will be held in the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire, the Crypt, St Paul's Cathedral at 11.30am on Thursday, March 14.

Those attending are reques take their seats by 11.15am. For further information, please contact the Assistant Secretary, Bank of England.

Service dinner

2nd Battation, The Royal Resiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot)

The annual St David's Day dinner of the officers of the 2nd Battalion. The Royal Regiment of Wales, was held in Cardiff Castle on Saturday. March 2

Brigadier D. de G. Bromhesd CBE LVO FRGS, Colonel of the Regiment, was the guest of

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Appeal on treasure law change

By Norman Hammond ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE Government has appealed for opinions about how the law on treasure trove

should be reformed. Lord Inglewood, Minister for the National Heritage, made clear that he wanted to hear from professional and amateur archaeologists, metal. detector enthusiasts, and dear

The minister said that as many as 400,000 objects of archaeological interest were found in England and Wales each year, in addition to those discovered on archaeological excavations. There was, however, no overall system for reporting such finds, leaving "an important gap in our knowledge of the past", he

"The main issue is whether reporting should be voluntary or compulsory: at present the Government believes that a voluntary code of practice, combined with limited reform of treasure trove, offers the most practical answer." A Treasure Bill will be introduced by Sir Anthony Grant in the Commons this spring.

The Bill's main aim is to extend the scope of reporting to include items found associated with "treasure" - objects containing gold or silver such as the pot in which a coin hoard is found. The other objective is "to remove the obligation for coroners' jurical to read dead minds", Richard Morris, director of the Council for British Archaeology, said in its newsletter British Ar-

chaeology last month. At present a jury must hidden with the intention of recovery. If so, and the owner or his descendants cannot be identified, it is seized to the Crown; if not - as with grave goods, ritual offerings and lost objects — it belongs to the finder. In either case, objects other than of gold or silver do not have to be reported at all, except in Scotland and North-

ern Ireland. ☐ The Government's discussion document on Portable Antiquities is available free from the Department of National Heritage: 0171-211 6363.

Retirement

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WANTED

The Dean of St Paul's, Dr Eric Evans, is to retire at the end of September, Dr Evans, 68, has been in poor health and this has brought forward his decision to

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PERSONAL COLUMN

What is man, that you should remember thin, a men, that you should care for blan? You made him for a short while subordinate to the angels: with glory and bonous you crowned him. Hebrows 2: 6, 7 (RES) BIRTHS LAUGHTON-SCOTT - On 1st

LAURITUR-SCOTT - OR AN February 1996, to Jacqueline (nie de Baor) and Oliver, a son. Jocelyn Pairick a brother for Louiss. LEVESON-GOWER - On 25th Peirwary, to Emma and Mark, a dampher, Jenning Anasiania, a sister for Husble. Angularie.
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to Nuala (née Fagg) and
Michael. a son. James
William Rhys, a brother for William Ritys, a brother for Seirian VENNERS - On February 28th 1996, to Mag (nea Abern) and Mark, a beautiful daughter Serah Elizabeth.

DEATES February (neacefully) Mortham Tower, Barnas Castle, Sachaveral Osbor Fitchistert aged 78 year Chirch, Rokeby, Barras Costle on Friday 8th Mary at 11.50. a.m. No flowe e in St. Mary

BATEMAN - On 29th Castle, Sachaveral Quborn Fizzi-instert aged 78 years, beloved husband of Kathleen dearly loved tamer of Angela and Lizzie and a much loved grandfather. Service of Thanksyving to please.

CAIRNS - On March 1st.

1996, High William Cairns.

M.C., much loved instant of Dido and father of Poler.

Francis and Cherry. Funeral at Heily Trinity Church,

Michael on Friday. March

Rth at 12 peecs Femalia

DEATHS CHURCH - On February 24th.
1996, in Onford, Peter, aged
71 years, formerly of St.
Edwards School, A much
loved husband, Biber and
grandfather. The funeral
service will like place at 95
Gregory & Augustine
Church, Woodstock Road,
Oxford, on Wednesday
March Sh at 3.00 pin. No
flowers by request, doustions
if desired by Oxford Swans
Swimming Chib. Cy Reeves
& Pain, 288 Abington Road,
Oxford, OX1 4TE.

EVE - On 1st March 1996, after a short libres. Betty Vivian, widow of Lt Col Suphun Theodom bre MHE. MC. DL. Funeral Service at the Church of St. Mary. Ashwell near Oakham. Rufland on Thursday 7th March at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Fords of Oakham. 8 Church Street. Oakham. 8 Church Street. Oakham.

FATTORINI - Mary (bée Collingwood) aged 24 years, on 28th February 1996, peacefully at Summeriand House Nursing Home, Guernsey, beloved wife of the inte Joseph, much loved mother of Peter, Edward, and Jane, a loved mother-haisw, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Requiem Mass at St. Josephs Church, St. Peter Port, Guernsey on Tuesday 5th March at 2,30pm. Relatives and friends kindly accept this intimation. Family flowers only, domaines in liqu to Lee Bourga Hospice, Rue du Tertre. St. Andrews, Guernsey, Private Interment.

COLLER - On February 23rd 1996 at The Whittington Hospital after a long Miness William George aged 82. Cremation at Latington

DEATHS GOUGH - On February 28th 1996, Mary Evalue Gémie) aged 92, wife of the inte Charles, loving mother of Michael and Brandon and much loved grapdmother and great-grandmother, Requiem Mass at Emplish Martyrs, Wallasey, Wirral, on Translay March 7th at 11 am. followed by internest Otton Priary, Solthall, Family Rowers only, Donations H desired to the Handicasped Childrens Pligrings Trust (fo John W. Grimth & Son. Milliant, Funeral Home. Mill Line, Wallasey, Wirral, ici (0151) GSS-6828.

29th, suddenly at home William Geoffrey (Tony), aged 70 years, Dearly loved husband of Kay, loving father of Carol, Shella, Wenty and Hazel and a much loved grandfather. Enquiries to J & M Rumphris, 32 Albert Street, Sambury, let: 01295 265424

PRITCHARD - On 28th PRITCHARD - On 28th February, peacefully at home, Percy of Castle Street, Herebrid, in his 100th year, Much loved Hunband of Kathleen, loving Father of Edward and Elizabeth and Grandpe of losingeries and Entern The funeral service will be held at Herebrid Cathodral Lady Chapel on Thorsday, 7th March, at 1.15 gm, relieved by private Cranation. Floral tributes please to Dawe Bros Wootfeling Street, Hereford

Peacefully on 29th February, Widow of the late Major John Schmer MBE. Much loved mother of James å grandmother Alexander, Luke & Eliwi Puneral service at Guildi Cremetorium, 11 am Friday 8th March. No flowers, Donations, if destred, to Help

MEMORIAL SERVICES Stog - Eve. There will be a Memorial Stone Setting on Sunday Joth March at 11 am at West Lundon Synangone Cametery. Edgwarebury Lane. Edgware. Middenet. MAYER - A Memorial Mass in Thunksgiving for the life of Alan Mayer will be celebrated on Monday 1st April 1996 6.30pm St Mary's. Cadogan Street. London SW3. BURTHDAYS

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OBITUARIES

Marguerite Duras, French novelist, died in Paris yesterday aged 81. She was born near Saigon on April 4. 1914,

KNOWN pre-eminently as the authur of the novel L'Amant, which was recently made into a film of that name, Marguerite Duras exemplified a characteristic vein of lush French romanticism. With her death, French literature and French cinema have lost a writer who was adept at turning personal reminiscence into universal truth, especially women's perceptions of things and their intimacy with place. This applies in particular to her riverscapes, from the beggar-woman of the Mekong delta in Le Vice-Consul to Anne Desbaresdes of the Gironde Estuary in Moderato Cantabile, and the petite fille de Nevers who meets her German lover on the banks of the Loire in Hiroshima Mon Amour.

Duras also made films, developing in unother dimension themes already explored in print, and wrote plays to give extra life to characters already projected in her fiction. The imaginary geography which she mapped - of towns and rivers, but also of the human heart - will survive as securely as Hardy's Wessex or Proust's Combray, because it is at once individual and universal, containing places which one person has mated but which we can all recognise as real.

She was an author who could express the banal with resonant simplicity, and although she was pever a prominent feminist, she was a writer who linked people and places with a sensitivity which was ssentially feminine.

Duras was a pseudonym which she adopted in the late 1940s, from the name of a wine-growing village not far from Bordeaux where her inher once owned a house. Her real name was Donnadieu, She was the second of two children born to Henri Donnadieu and his wife, both schooleachers who had taken up postings is French Indochina.

Marguerite Duras was born at Gis-Dinh near Saigon. The family was never well-off, especially after her father died in 1918. Madame Donnadieu continued to work as a eacher, mainly in native schools; she exupied one of the lowliest positions in the colonial service hierarchy, and he children, who became assimilated into the local community, spoke Vienamese fluently. Their mother was bamboozled by the corrupt conial administration into putting all her savings into the purchase of a rapidless plot of land subject to

MARGUERITE DURAS



flooding by the sea, an episode which is commemorated in Dura's first success. Un Barrage contre le Pacifique, which in 1950 nearly won the Prix Goncourt.

In 1929 Duras moved to Saigon and attended the lycee there. It was during her schooldays that she had a love affair with a rich Chinese youth. Many years later she recalled their passionate relationship in her greatest work, L'Amant, which won the Goncourt in 1984 and brought her international acclaim. The affair ended when Marguerite was sent to France to complete her studies in 1931. She took a degree in law and also studied politics. She joined, but was later expelled from, the Communist Party. She worked for various government bodies until she became a full-time writer in the early 1940s. All that had happened to her up to that point had simply been preparation for this calling.
Her first novel, Les Impudents.

was published during the Occupation in 1943. Soon afterwards her first husband, the writer Robert Antelme,

whom she had married in 1939, was arrested by the Gestapo and deported (they had both been working for the Resistance). She herself came under suspicion, as she recalls in La Douleur (first published in 1985). The head of their clandestine network was someone called Morland, later to become much better known under his real name François Mitterrand. It was Mitterrand who at the end of the war found Robert Antelme dying in Dachau and saved him in the nick of time. Duras nursed Antelme back to health, only to leave him and marry a close friend of theirs, Dionys Mascolo, by whom she had a son, Jean, in 1947.

From about 1950 onwards her literary reputation steadily increased. She was linked by commentators with the nouveau roman movement launched in the early 1950s by Alain Robbe-Grillet, but although in some respects her writing resembled the experiments of Robbe-Grillet and his friends, she was never a close member of the group. For one thing, they were

mostly her junior in years, for another, they were usually published by the avant-garde press Editions de Minuit, whereas she was mainly published by the more conservative and establishment house of Gallimard.

But above all else, she was more

interested in people than they were. Her characteristic manner and subject-matter were reaffirmed in the short novel Moderato Cantabile (1958). Beautifully filmed by Peter Brook in 1960, with Jean-Paul Belmondo in the role of Chauvin and Jeanne Moreau as Madame Desbaresdes, and set in the bleak winter landscape of the Gironde Estuary not very far from Duras, this understated tale of a passionate but unconsummated love affair between a workman and an industrialist's wife paved the way for deeper, more autobiographical explorations of doomed love, culminating L'Amant (1984), but best expressed in the film she wrote for the director Alain Resnais, Hiroshima Mon Amour, which came out in 1959.

where it was first dropped. Although fairly happily married, she has a brief but intense affair with a Japanese businessman, an episode clearly modelled on Duras' own experience with the young man in Saigon who was her first lover. The brilliance of the story lies in the way in which the tragedy of Hiroshima is linked with the Frenchwoman's personal suffering, which the visit to Japan and the love affair enable her to exorcise: she had, as a young woman in occupied Nevers, fallen in love with a German soldier, for which, at the Liberation, she had been punished by having her head shaved. She had been unable to talk of this humilitation to anyone until, in the arms of her Japanese lover, she can cry out, in one of the most cathartic moments on film. C'était mon premier amour, tu sais! The barely controllable power of sexual love, especially of first love with its purity and its incandescence, runs as the leitmotif through all of Duras'

This film introduced audiences to a

French actress who is making a film

about the atomic bomb in the city

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After writing other film scripts. and adapting prose works of hers such as Le Square for the stage with considerable success, Marguerite Duras launched herself as a filmmaker in her own right. Her films, it is fair to say, earned her a success d'estime (in 1975, for instance. India Song won the Grand Prix de L'Académie du Cinéma) rather than box-office triumphs. But there can be no doubt about her interest in, and commitment to, cinema as an art form, even if her finest writing for the screen was filmed by other, more gifted, directors like Resnais and

She lived partly in Trouville, where she owned a flat overlooking the sea, partly in the country not far from Paris at Neauphle-le-Château, and the rest of the time in Saint-Germaindes-Près. All three places are featured in her fictional writings. Her person-al life was not especially happy: both her marriages ended in divorce, and for over three decades she was a chronic alcoholic. In 1982 she underwent disintoxication from which she almost died, and thereafter never enjoyed good health, suffering particularly from emphysema. In 1988 she lapsed into a coma from

which she was not expected to emerge, and was given up for dead. Remarkably, she recovered to publish a final novel, La Pluie d'été, in 1990. Her novel L'Amant wass made into a film directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud in 1992.

CARDINAL JOHN **KROL**

Cardinal John Krol Archbishop of Philadelphia, 1961-88. died on March 3, aged 85. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 26, 1910.

A FORMER mentor and long time confidant of Pope John Paul II, John Krol was a leader of the conservative, traditionalist wing of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. His attitude to moral and ethical problems very much reflected the views his Philadelphia diocese which was, however, to come under increasing pressure from more liberal Catholics in the United States and Latin America in recent years. In these circumstances John Krol remained a vital transatlantic link to the Pope. The two men knew each

other well. Krol, a vocal anti-Communist, had travelled to Poland during the years of the Cold War, where he met and befriended the then Archbishop of Krakow, Karol Woityla. He became an important pipeline between the Vatican and church leaders in Poland, and in 1978 was a major influence in the elevation of Wojtyla to the pontiff's throne as John Paul II. Krol was also highly regard-

ed in the Vatican for his administrative acumen. He kept the finances of the Philadelphia archdiocese sound, at a time when those of the Vatican were in notoriously poor shape in the wake of the collapse of the Italian Banco Ambrosiano, a scandal in which the Vatican bank, the Institute for Religious Works, had been implicated. When, in 1987. Krol visited Rome to prepare the way for the Pope's projected visit to the US, he was at some pains to point out to Vatican officials that, as one of the two largest contributors (with the West German Catholic Church) to the Vatican's upkeep, the American Church would require "the maximum amount of candour" about the state of Vatican finances.

John Joseph Krol's own roots were Polish. The fourth of eight children of immigrant



parents. John Pietruszka Krol, he working as a grocery store manager before turning to the priesthood. He taught canon law at St Mary's Seminary. Cleveland, from 1942, and was vice-chancellor of the diocese of Cleveland from 1943 to 1951. From 1953 to 1901 he was Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland.

During this period in 1960 he went to Rome to help Pope John XXIII to prepare the ground for Vatican II, the council which introduced sweeping reforms in the Roman Catholic Church. His efforts were rewarded the following year by promotion to Archbishop of Philadelphia. He established himself as a

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leader of the American Bishops' Conference, and within the diocese was chiefly known for his successful reorganisation of the parochial school system which had been suffering under the joint burdens of declining enrolment and rising costs.

Krol supported the Pope strongly on such issues as abortion and the erosion of morality, and he was also stoutly anti-Communist. But at the same time he was a severe critic of American policy on the maintenance of a nuclear deterrent. Among the influential Vatican posts Krol held was his membership of the Pontifical Commission for Mass Media Communications, and he was also a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Revision of the Code of Canon Law.

PROFESSOR N. B. MARSHALL

Professor N. B. (Freddy) Marshall, FRS, marine biologist, died on February 13 aged 81. He was born on February 5. 1915.

A WORLD authority on oceanic biology, Freddy Marshall had a particular interest in fishes, especially those of the deep sea. But his prodigious knowledge covered many groups of marine animals besides fish. Of his six books, at least three stand as classics in their field. He also published some 70 papers, focused mainly on fish systematics. Norman Bertram Marshall.

known by all his friends as Freddy, was educated at the Cambridgeshire High School. In 1933 he won an Exhibition to Downing College. Cam-bridge, where he took a double lirst in the Natural Science Tripos. in 1937 Marshall joined

Professor (later Sir) Alister Hardy's research team at University College, Hull. He had been recommended as a man of considerable personality, stockily built, thoroughly cheerful and happy" by his Cambridge professor, J. Stany Gardiner, who had been mpressed by Marshall's abilily to keep his strength and spirits up on the various long trawler trips which he made three to Iceland, one to Bear island and one to the Facroe isles. These voyages had considerably broadened his interest in marine animals. While in Hull, Marshall worked on analysing the carches of Hardy's Continuous Plankton Recorder, a device towed behind



commercial vessels to collect and record spatially the distribution of plankton.

During the Second World War Marshall was commissioned in the Army and entered the Operations Research Group. In 1944 he was seconded to special duties in the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey. After collecting 25 noisy husky dogs from Labrador, he spent one year in Grahamland, Antarctica, on Operation Tabarin, working mainly on marine biology and hydrology. In 1953 he was

Geographical Society named a mountain after him - more durable, he felt, than the mere glaciers which were named

after his friends. Marshall returned to Hull after the war, but not before depositing his Antarctic collections at the British Museum (now The Natural History Museum). The magnificent collection of fishes there so impressed him as a potential resource for pursuing deepsea interests that he applied for, and got, a post as assistant awarded the Polar Medal keeper. His initial studies of specialisations, initially in the lantern fishes which climb nightly to the surface layers to He published his first book, Aspects of Deep Sea Biology,

in 1954. It was a milestone in oceanic biology, providing the most complete account hitherto of life in the largest habitat on earth and, like all Marshall's writing, was stimulating to professional zoologist and layman alike. It was illustrated by his wife, Olga, who was also to collaborate with him on several later books. By 1962 Marshall had risen

to the rank of senior principal scientific officer by special merit, and he served on many national and international marine and Antarctic committees. One such was the Special Committee for Oceanic Research and in 1957 he attended the inaugural meeting held at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), Massachusetts. Many matters considered then are still highly relevant now: the use of the ocean as a receptacle for the waste products of a rapidly growing industrial civilisation; the ocean as a source of protein for a rapidly growing population; and the relationship between the ocean and

climate change. During the following decade, Marshall made several extended visits to the United States, principally to WHOI and to the University of Miami. He completed many valuable papers during this period, notably his benchmark study on the swim-blad-

the Lilliputian fishes of the der structure of deep-sea fishocean were on buoyancy es in relation to their systematics and biology, together with his major review of the systematics and biology of the species-rich family of bottomdwelling deep-sea fishes, the Macrouridae or grenadiers. Marshall also served as chief scientist on teaching cruises of the sailing schooner Te Vega from the Hopkins Marine Station, California.

He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 1970 and the following year Explorations in the Life of Fishes was pub-lished. This treatise on all aspects of fish biology is arguably the best book ever written on the subject.

Yet Marshall's immense enthusiasm for teaching led to his resignation from the museum in 1972 to take up the Chair of Zoology and Comparative Physiology at Queen Mary College, London, In the same vear he was awarded the Rosenstiel Gold Medal for distinguished services to marine science by the University of Miami. Marshall retired in 1977, but

continued writing and in 1979 published Developments in Deep Sea Biology, a closely referenced, comprehensive extension of Aspects of Deep Sea Biology, which remains unchallenged as the definitive work today. At the time of his death he had almost completed a further book on the evolutionary aspects of morphological simplification and its adaptive significance in the deep sea.

He is survived by his wife Olga, and by their three daughters and their son.

DEREK WIGRAM

Derek Wigram, Headmaster of Monkton Combe School, 1946-68 died on February 6 aged 87. He was born on March 18, 1908.

DURING a 22-year headmastership, Derek Wigram witnessed a period of solid growth for Mankton Combe School, near Bath. In this time it developed from a small, inward-looking Low Church foundation into a school which enjoyed a high reputation and significant links with local science and industry.
Wigram, only the fourth
headmaster in the school's

history, oversaw an extensive building programme. His educational vision and abilities were considerable, exemplified by his appointment as chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, 1963-64, when private education was very much in the political spotlight. Himself a product of Marlborough College and Peterhouse (where he was a scholar and took a first in Part I of the Classical Tripos) he proved a doughty defender of the private sector.

Derek Roland Wigram started teaching at Whitgift School, Croydon, where he worked as an assistant master and careers master from 1929 to 1936. He then went on to be a housemaster and, again, careers master at Bryanston School, near Blandford in Dorset, where he stayed for ten years. During the war, however, he took an external

degree in economics at the

London School of Economics.

In 1946 Wigram - slightly

surprisingly, considering Bryanston's "progressive" reputation - was appointed Headmaster of Monkton Combe with its self-consciously biblical Protestant ethos. At least, however, his own staunch Christian faith helped him to feel at home. He was one of the founding

trustees of Lee Abbey, the Evangelical Christian centre community based in North Devon, and served on its council for many years. He was also an accomplished public speaker and both parents and pupils benefited from the clarity and insight of his sermons and speeches, their seriousness tempered always by light touches of humour. Wigram's success as a head-

master owed much to his ability to capture the imagina-tion of schoolboys — which he achieved not least by an enthusiasm for fast cars. Many were later to recall hairraising journeys taken in those less safety-conscious days in vintage automobiles. cars which at different times included an Aston Martin, an Alvis and two Bristols. Wigram was also a keen tennis player, skier and photographer.

He leaves a widow, Catharine, whom he married in 1944 and who cared for him devotedly during his last years when he suffered from Alzheimer's disease. He is also survived by his son and daughter.

Church news

he Rev David Jones. Rector. Weston Baschurch and tallingfield w Hordley (Lichfield): to be Ministre Desservant/Priest-Incharge, St Luke and St James. Arsev (Winchester).

the Rev Jacob Knee. Assistant Curate, Ashby-de-la-Zouche ileicesteri: to be Lecturer at St Botolph, Boston and Further Education Chaplain, Boston (Lincoln). The Rev Ronni Lamont, Assistant Curate, St Albans, St Peter, to be leam Vicar. Hemel Hempstead: District of Gadehridge (St. Albans). The Rev Edward Lewis, Chaplain, Walsali Manor Hospital: to be Uso Assistant Rural Dean of

~alsail (Lichfield). The Rev Christopher Liley, Vicar, Vorion (St Albanst: to be Vicar, Shrewsbury St Chad w St Mary. and Priest-in-charge. Shrewsbury St Alkmund (Lichfield).

The Rev Donald MacGregor. Assistant Curate. St John the

Walmley Evangelist, (Birmingham): to be Assistant Priest (Team Vicar designate), Braunstone Team Ministry (Leicester). The Rev Carole Munn, Assistant

Curate (NSM), Long Bennington: to be Assistant Curate (NSM). Saxonwell group of parishes (Lincoln). The Rev Malcolm Nicholas, Assis-

tant Curate, Hartley (Winchester): to be Team Vicar. Harrowby and Londonthorpe, Grantham Team Ministry (Lincoln). The Rev Alexander Nicoll, Vicar,

Longnor: to be also Rural Dean of Alstonefield (Lichfield). The Rev Graham Paddick, Priestin-charge. St Paul. Thornton Heath: to be Vicur, St Paul. Thornton Heath (Southwark).

The Rev Bob Pearson, Curate, St Oswald, Netherton: to be Vicar, The Church of the Ascension. Wolston (Liverpool). The Rev Patricia Quint. Assistant

Curate, Hertford, St Andrew: to be Assistant Curate, Bromham and Oakley w Stagsden (St Albans). The Rev Jonathan Redvers Harris, Succentor and Priest Vicar, Llandaff Cathedral: to be Vicar of Houghton Regis (St Albans).

The Rev David Sceats, Diocesan Director of Local Ministry Development and Warden of Readers (Lichfield): to be Team Leader of the Board of Ministry and continue as Diocesan Director of Local Ministry Development. The Rev Dennis Smith, Vicar.

Kerley and Oakengates: to be also Rural Dean of Telford and Telford Gorge (appointed jointly by the Bishops of Lichfield and Hereford).

The Rev David Spicer, Vicar, Christ Church, Stamford: to be Priest-in-charge, Cowbit and Weston (Lincoln).

The Rev Jean Staff, Priest-incharge. St George's church, Gainsborough: to be Priest-in-charge.

Haxey and Owston Ferry (Lincoln)

The Rev Stephen Silvester, Assistant Curate, St Jude's, Nottingham and Minister-in-charge, the Wells Community Church, Central Nottingham deanery: to be Vicar, St Luke's, parish of Gamston and Bridgland (Southwell).

The Rev Derick Stevenson, Rector, Saints, Norton Fitzwarren (Bath and Wells): to be Priest-incharge, North Hartismere (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich). The Rev Marie Thorne, Assistant

Curate. Brigg: to be Priest-in-charge. New Waltham (Lincoln). The Rev Michael Trodden, Vicar. Aldborough Hatch (Chelmsford): to the united benefice of Ampthill w Millbrook and Steppingley (St

Albans). The Rev Ann Turner, Vicar General, Ascension Island, diocese St Helena: to be Parish Deacon, St Saviour's. Raynes Park

DEATH OF THE SPEAKER We announce with the deepest regret the death

yesterday of the Speaker of the House of Commons, Captain E. A. FitzRoy. The news of the death of the Speaker quickly reached the House of Commons and brought its sitting to an abrupt and impressive end. The House was discussing Navy Estimates

and was well filled when the Deputy Speaker rose and called: "Order, order," and the Serjeant at Arms, in official dress and with sword at side, walked up the floor and removed the Mace from the table.

The Clerk Assistant, Mr F. W. Metcalle, conveyed to the House the news of the bereavement which it had suffered. Stepping to the floor off the dais where the clerks, in wig and robe, sit in front of the Speaker's chair, he said: "It is with extreme sorrow I have to inform the House that Mr Speaker died at 2 o'clock this afternoon."

Rising in a hushed assembly, Mr Eden expressed, as Leader of the House, its sense of the tragic personal blow which members had suffered in the loss of a great Speaker whom all had come to regard as a personal friend. The House yesterday was content to send, through Mr Eden, a message of deep and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs FitzRoy and her family. The House adjourned. The Lords,

ON THIS DAY

March 4, 1943

Captain FitzRoy was the first Speaker of the House of Commons to have died while in office since 1789. The procedure of electing a new Speaker has since been speeded

considerably

who were engaged in a debate on aid to China, also adjourned their sitting to express, as Lord Cranborne, its leader, said, their sense of shock and regret at the news of the Speaker's

The death of the Speaker brought temporarily to a standstill the whole machinery of the House of Commons. This means, in effect, a hiatus in the machinery of Parliament, for although the House of Lords can continue its business, the effective discharge of Parliamentary functions depends very much upon

Without a Speaker, the House of Commons

is no longer properly constituted and becomes little more than a Convention. The House now stands adjourned for some days while discussions proceed as to the most suitable person to be proposed as the new Speaker.

The Navy Estimates under discussion could not be voted and they will have to be submitted to the House again after a new Speaker has

During Captain FitzRoy's illness the Goverriment gave consideration to the position that would arise in the event of his death. The matter was considered again yesterday before the Speaker died - at a meeting of the Cabinet.

Although the Chairman of Committees of the House acts as a Deputy Speaker, his authority as Deputy derives from the Speaker himself and on the death of the Speaker the Deputy Speaker can no longer discharge the functions of the office. To avoid the hiatus which must then ensue until a new Speaker can be chosen, elected, and approved by the King, it would have been possible to pass legislation empowering the Deputy Speaker to continue to act for a short time until a new Speaker was chosen. It is believed that this course was considered and that a Bill has been in draft for some time to meet a war

THE TIMES TODAY

Israel declares war on bombers

The Middle East peace process hung by a thread after the third Islamic suicide attack within a week claimed at least 19 more lives and Shimon Peres, Israel's embattled Labour Prime Minister, declared "total war" against Hamas, the group which planted a bomb on a crowded rush-hour bus.

Mr Peres is now in serious danger of losing the May 29 election to the right-wing Likud, which is demanding much harsher action against the Palestinians......Pages 1, 9

Unionists boycott Ulster talks

■ Intensive talks aimed at finding a political settlement in Northern Ireland will begin without two of the main parties. The Ulster Unionists and Democratic Unionists insisted that they would not attend talks that were a form of joint authority by London and Dublin over Northern Ireland ...

Royal debate

Cross-party pressure for a national debate on the future of the monarchy grew as Labour MPs voiced fresh criticism of the Prince of Wales and the Royal Family... ... Page 1

Stalking crime

Stalking would be made a criminal offence which could carry a prison sentence of up to four years under proposals being prepared by Labour....

Piste peace

French ski instructors, who for years have jealously guarded their exclusive right to teach skiing in their country, have finally accepted an order from the European Union to accommodate foreign rivalsPage 3

Last picture show

The Dome in Worthing, claimed to be Britain's longest-running cinema, is to have its historic fittings stripped out to become a nightclub... __Page 3

Art shares

Virginia Bottomley will today urge companies to give shares instead of cash to arts and heritage institutions Page 4

Lawiess Russia

The growth in violence against Western firms in Russia has led British agents to offer visitors armed guards. "We could have you go around the city in a tank,"

Patten's plans

Chris Patten indicated that he would like to return to top-flight politics in Britain after his stint as Governor of Hong Kong ends in .. Page 6 June next year...

Historic recital

A woman whose father died in a Nazi concentration camp is looking for an 1891 painting which shows him as a child playing the piano for the Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph

Spain turns right

In the most venomously fought Spanish general election since democracy was restored, the conservative Popular Party (PP) was claiming victory over the Socialists .

Orthodox row

The two most influential leaders in the Orthodox Church are locked in a power struggle that could lead to a schism in the ranks of the 170 million Orthodox faithful_ . Page 9

Dole in pole position Robert Dole regained pole position in the race for the Republican presidential nomination, thanks to a decisive victory over Pat Buchanan in the South Caro-

.... Page 10

New Australian dawn Australians woke up to a new era of conservatism that could see the Liberal Party in power until well

lina primary.....

'Dalek' keeps passengers on the rails

British Rail's notorious inability to tell customers accurately when its trains will run may be overcome by a voice-activated computer so advanced that it can understand not only Japanese, but even Geordie. Researchers are developing a system that will recognise timetable inquiries on the telephone and respond in a Dalek-like voic



Sir Cliff Richard, who plays the title role in Heathcliff, a new musical based on Wuthering Heights, with Helen Hobson the actress he has chosen for Cathy. He said yesterday that he did not think he was "too nice and too old" to play Emily Bronte's creation

Cost of fallure: The DTI is conducting an inquiry into how millions of pounds has been poured into companies in south-west England that have subsequently gone into receivership... . Page 40

Defence: A procurement committee is today expected to recommend that Britain joins France and Germany in an armoured vehicle programme, paving the way for Britain to join the nascent European Armaments Agency. Page 40 Interest rates: The City is betting heavily on another quarter-point cut in base rates.... ... Page 40

Nuclear sale: The Government's campaign to secure support for British Energy, the nuclear company that is being privatised, is launched today..... _Page 37

New look Today sees the launch of Gallery Week. Until next Sunday institutions across the country will be doing their best to open up the closed world of contemporary art to

a new audience Musical patronage: Irina Arkhipova. the acclaimed mezzo-soprano and Bolshoi prima donna, introduced her protégé Natalia Datsko at the Wigmore Hall Page 14

Odd drama: David Lan's new play for the National Theatre, The Ends of the Earth, is a curious, chaotic piece which involves conflict in the Balkans and the Balkan conflicts in a geologist's soul Page 15

Classic tale; Lesley Storm's 1949 drama about an unhappy housewife. Black Chiffon, is revived with Susan Hampshire.....

General: high pressure is

dominating the weather in the west, while a weak weather front is

bringing drizzle to the east, England and Wales will be

generally cloudy, though the odd brighter spell is possible, es-pecially in the west. Further east

there will be light outbreaks of rain

Scotland and Northern Ireland will also be rather cloudy, but the

odd brighter spell is possible.

There will be some drizzle at first in

the west, but this will die out, while

there will be some rain in southeast

☐ London, SE England, E An-

glia, E England, NE England, Borders: cloudy with outbreaks of rain and drizzle. Wind gentle to moderate, north to northwest.

Feeling cool. Max 6C (43F).

and drizzie.

Scotland.

FEATURES

Equal but different: "The choice facing men today is between simpering cissy and unreconstructed lout. No choice at all. But confusion among women runs just as deep." writes Tony Parsons Page 13 Turned off: Nigel Hawkes says don't save Peter Hobday, drop Today... . Page 13

Heelth choices: The close relationship between humans and animals is about to become closer still. We may soon have to get used to walking around with animal spare parts inside us.... ... Page 12

FASHION

Material world: No one has more. or indeed better, ideas than the British. Iain R. Webb on London Fashion Week.

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

ART AND FILM

From Sickert to

Football: Manchester United and Newcastle meet tonight in a match that is pivotal to the FA Carling Premiership season. Their player purchases amount to more than ES6 million Page 21

Rugby union: Jason Leonard has been cited for punching Rob Wainwright, the Scotland captain, during the England victory that ended the Scots's hopes of winning the Pages 28, 29 grand slam.... Cricket: England's unhappy experiences in the World Cup continued as the team slumped to another defeat, this time at the hands of Pakistan, the holders Page 23 Boxing: Nigel Benn, who announced his retirement from the ring after losing his World Boxing Council super-middleweight title on Saturday night, has had second thoughts. He says he will make up his mind after having a ... Page 32 holiday...

the weather-hit Catalan Open in Tarragona without hitting a shot. He finished his allotted 36 holes on Saturday and had to wait overnight to see if anybody would overtake . Page 22 Racing: Injury to Adrian Maguire has created opportunities for Rich-

ard Johnson, a promising young

Golf: Paul Lawrie, of Scotland, won

jockey, at the Cheltenham Festival.

9, 11, 12, 24, 41, 45. Bonus: 6.

TV LISTINGS ...

Preview: Britain's photographic heritage is disappearing across the Atlantic Under Exposed (BBQ 7.30pm) Review: Can Band of Gold turn into a continuing sage? asks Lynne Truss...

View from the East

If the Conservatives keep faith with the instincts that saw them win and the ideas that will prepare Britain for the free-market future, then victory is still possible Page !?

Howard's turn

sustain them

Most Australians believe that ennomic reforms are urgently need ed, and that Mr Keating was no the man to carry them out Page 17

Fancy prices The danger is that, as clubs become global teams, the giants will be come too far distant from the national leagues which train, feed and

Page 17

COLUMB WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Dangerous emotions arise from the resentment of those who believe that they stand outside the windows of the clubhouse of power and cannot quite hear what is being said. Pat Buchanan shares these emotions and plays on them; the hero of the disempowered. Page 16 PETER RIDDELL

The central message of the Scott inquiry was not that William Waldegrave or Sir Nicholas Lyeli were wicked or liars - they were not - but its revelation of an instinctive preference for secrecy in

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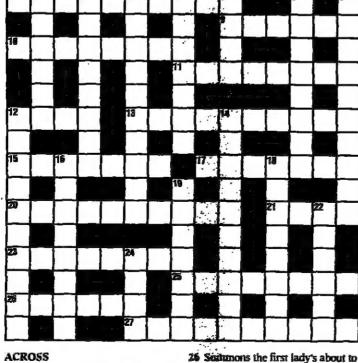
Marguerite Duras, French writer. Cardinal John Krol, former Archbishop of Philadelphia; Professor N. B. Marshall, marine biologist Page 19

National Theatre: universities: small publications; Labour and royals: countryside Page 7

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veto in the talks as currently proposed: the veto of violence. Nationalists, unionists and Governments would have their say. But it would be the bombers who carried the

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ACROSS

I Where one may see wild birds, not big game (10).

9 Raised in family of wolves (6). 10 Plant amateur gardener's first to change (S).

11 Criticise article about ancient

Roman building (8). 12 Port is a place of safety (4).

13 Check on tax in court (10).

15 About to enter a plea for approval

17 A fruit, not cored, provides sustenance (7).

20 Sign in front of church in West Midlands town (10).

21 Writer showing courage to Americans (4).

2 23 Extension in credit facility provision (8).

25 Cartoonist - a man, or it may appear so (8).

ABERLOUD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,105 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

endorse (b). 27 Points dividing a scientist and film director (10).

2 Well wrapped up, so was in no

hurry (6). 3 On the verge of alarming changes

4 Dealing with purchase's withdrawal (10).

5 A politician retreats outside and gets wet (7). 6 Drink up before noon and dash

7 Left one cat a vital form of acress

8 Put back in office, as the controller said (10). 12 A lofty paper provided on every occasion (2.3.5).

14 To the Continental an allowance shows indulgence (10). 16 Double the food for such a dog (4-

18 Obscure agreement included, not properly laid out (8).

19 Barely makes a run (7). 22 Drift off, spilling oil - see it and pass on (6).

24 Part of church where primate has

installed saint (4).

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Damien Hirst: the love affair between artists and the movies

One carries a gun. another wears duck shirts: a look at America's stranger judges

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isles, SW England, Central N England: generally cloudy, some brighter spells further west. Wind

gentle, northerly. Feeling mild. Max 9C (48F). ☐ S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, isle of Man, N Ireland: generally cloudy but

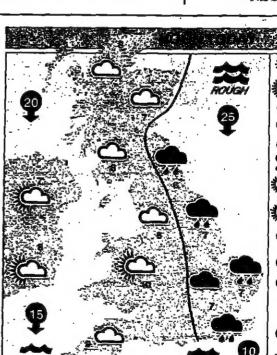
with some suriny spells. Wind gentle, northerly. Feeling mild. Max 9C (48F). ☐ Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orloney, Shetland: mostly dry and cloudy, some bright spells. Wind gentle, northerly. Max 7C (45F).

SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyil, NW Scotland: cloudy, drizzle early brighter later. Wind brisk, northerly. Max 8C (46F). ☐ Outlook for tomorrow and

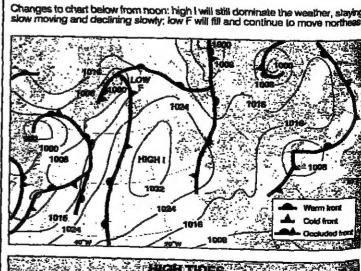
☐ Central S England, E Mid-Wednesday: generally cloudy, brighter in the west, rain in the east. lands, W Midlands, Channel AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

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